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YOURSELVES AND ENJOY YOUR OWN VERSION..

ANYHOW ENJOY!

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AND IT WASNT PERFECT, BUT I DONT CARE!

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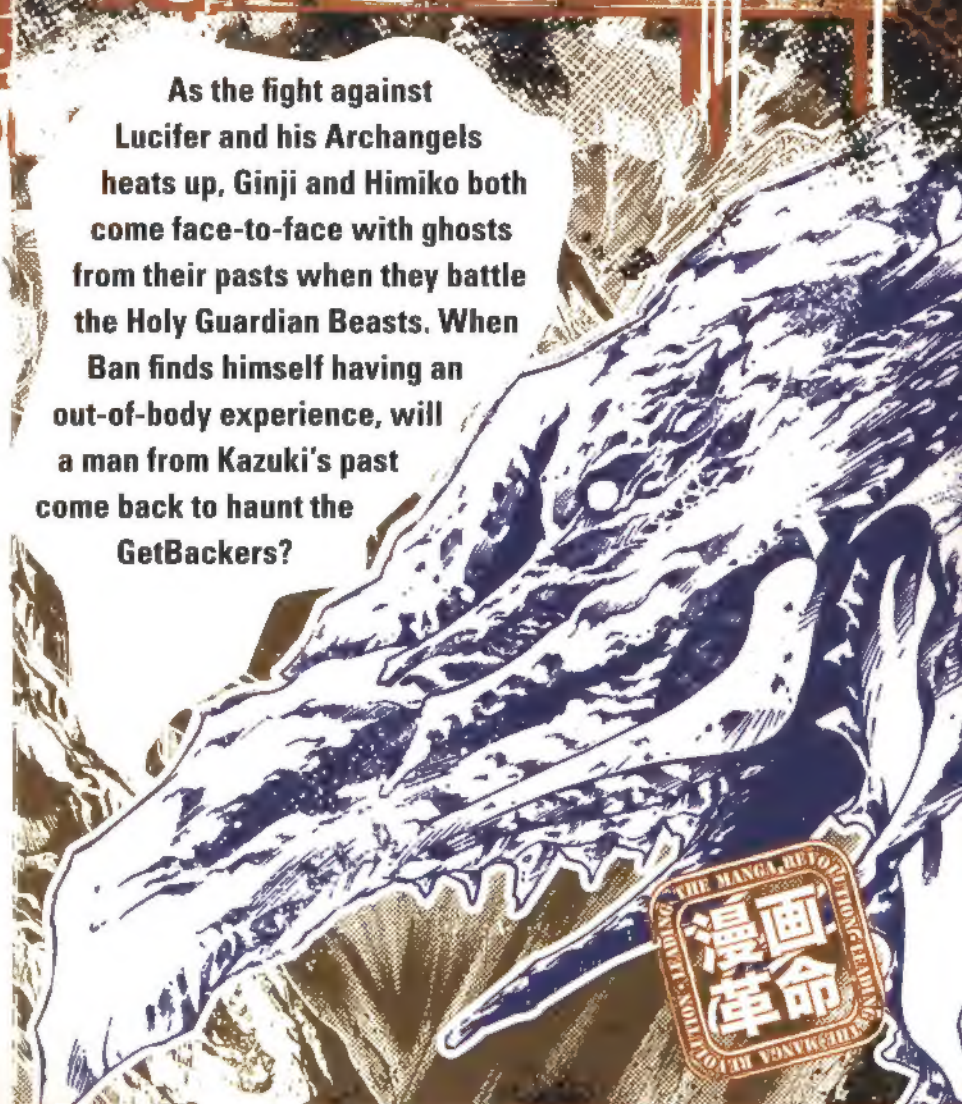
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As the fight against Lucifer and his Archangels heats up, Ginji and Himiko both come face-to-face with ghosts from their pasts when they battle the Holy Guardian Beasts. When Ban finds himself having an out-of-body experience, will a man from Kazuki's past come back to haunt the GetBackers?



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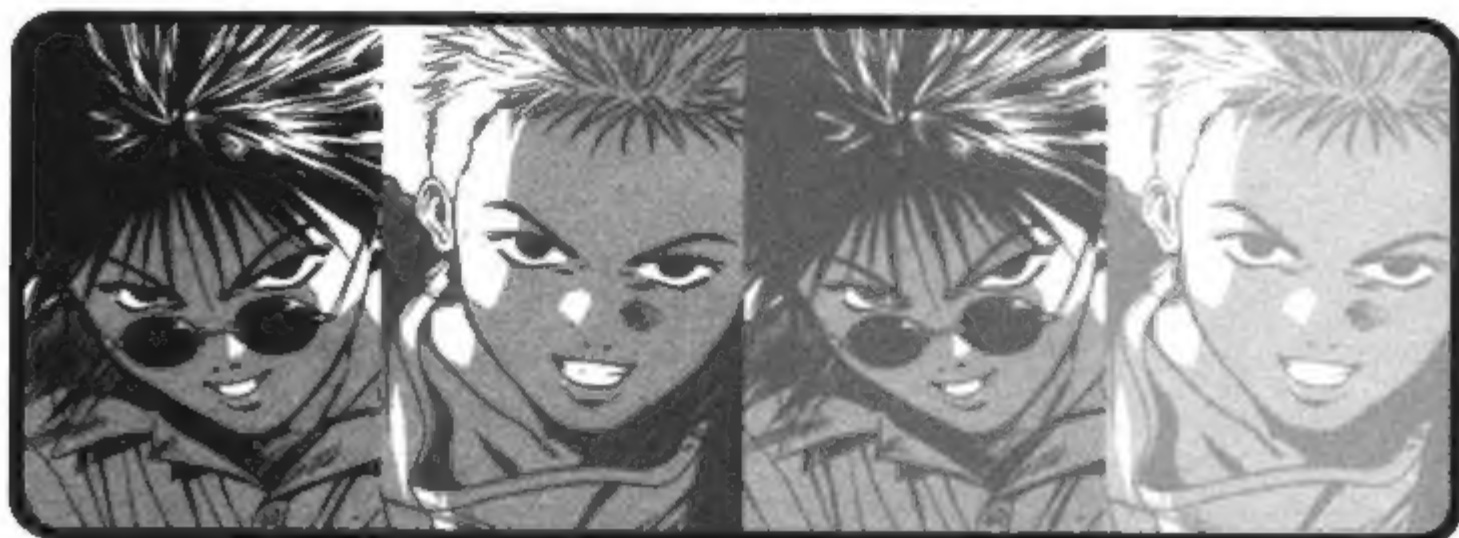
## **Volume 17**

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## Story Thus Far:

Ginji Amano can amplify and control electromagnetic waves. Ban Mido has the power to create illusions in people's minds for one minute. Together they are the GetBackers, a retrieval agency whose motto is "We get back what shouldn't be gone." For the right price, they'll recover anything that's been taken.

The students of a prestigious cram school have gone missing, and their parents are afraid this has something to do with the "Divine Design" card game they've been playing...which turns out to be a very dangerous game indeed! Ban, Ginji, Kazuki, Himiko, and Hevn discover cards that correspond to each of them, and when they see a man literally turn to crumbling stone, they realize the cards somehow have the power to affect reality. After meeting up with an old "friend" from the pre-Volts days who is none too happy to see him, Kazuki is spirited away right before Ginji's eyes, and though Ginji's electricity somehow manages to penetrate the field surrounding them, it's not enough to save Kazuki from going down in defeat.

The missing children, who are card masters, or "Dominators," believe themselves to be Archangels chosen to help reshape the world—chosen by the Angel Lord Lucifer himself, president of the game company. Ban trades blows with Lucifer but barely makes it out alive...and the GetBackers and co. realize they need to learn more about these cards! They seek help in the form of a blast from Ban's past—a beautiful, young...99-year-old witch named Maria who used to babysit him. Proving her skill at sorcery by pulling Ginji's heart from his chest and reinserting it with no ill effects, she then trains them to master the cards and become Dominators. Later, Hevn gets captured, and the GetBackers storm Lucifer's base to begin the final battle. The Four Holy Guardian Beasts stand in their way, but Ban dispatches the first one easily...





## Ginji Amano

(Nickname: The Lightning Lord)  
 Raised in Infinity Fortress, he's the former leader of the most powerful gang in Underground Shinjuku, the Volta. His power is the ability to emit high-voltage electricity. Height: 176 cm (5'9"), Weight: 62 kg (137 lbs.), Blood Type: O.

## Ban Mido

(Nickname: The Man with the Evil Eye)  
 Besides the fact that he's one-quarter German, little is known about his origins. He has two special abilities: the **Evil Eye**, which allows him to show an opponent an illusion for one minute, and his **Snakebite Grip**, which can rip anything apart with its 200 kg per square cm force. Height: 175 cm (5'8.5"), Weight: 58 kg (128 lbs.), Blood Type: B.



Divine Design's  
 Five Archangels



## Yamato Kudo

Himiko's brother. He, Ban, and Himiko once worked as Plunderers, but he was killed by someone. Himiko believed Ban was the murderer, but...



## Himiko Kudo

(Nickname: Lady Poison)  
A witch who fights using her seven poison perfumes.

# ACT VIII: DIVINE DESIGN Character Bios

## Maria

A fortuneteller who knows about Ban's past and also has connections to Lucifer.



## Juubei Kakei

(Nickname: Juubei of the Flying Needles)

Former Volta member and Kazuki's best friend. Master of Kakei Needle Jutsu, he uses throwing needles as weapons.



## Kazuki Fuchouin

(Nickname: Kazuki of the Strings)

One of the former Four Emperors of the Volta. A master of Fuchouin Style String Jutsu and also the lone survivor of the Fuchouin main house.



The great Angel Lord who controls Divine Design.



Lucifer

Toshiki Uryu

Towers Arts Executive. Used to work under Kazuki.



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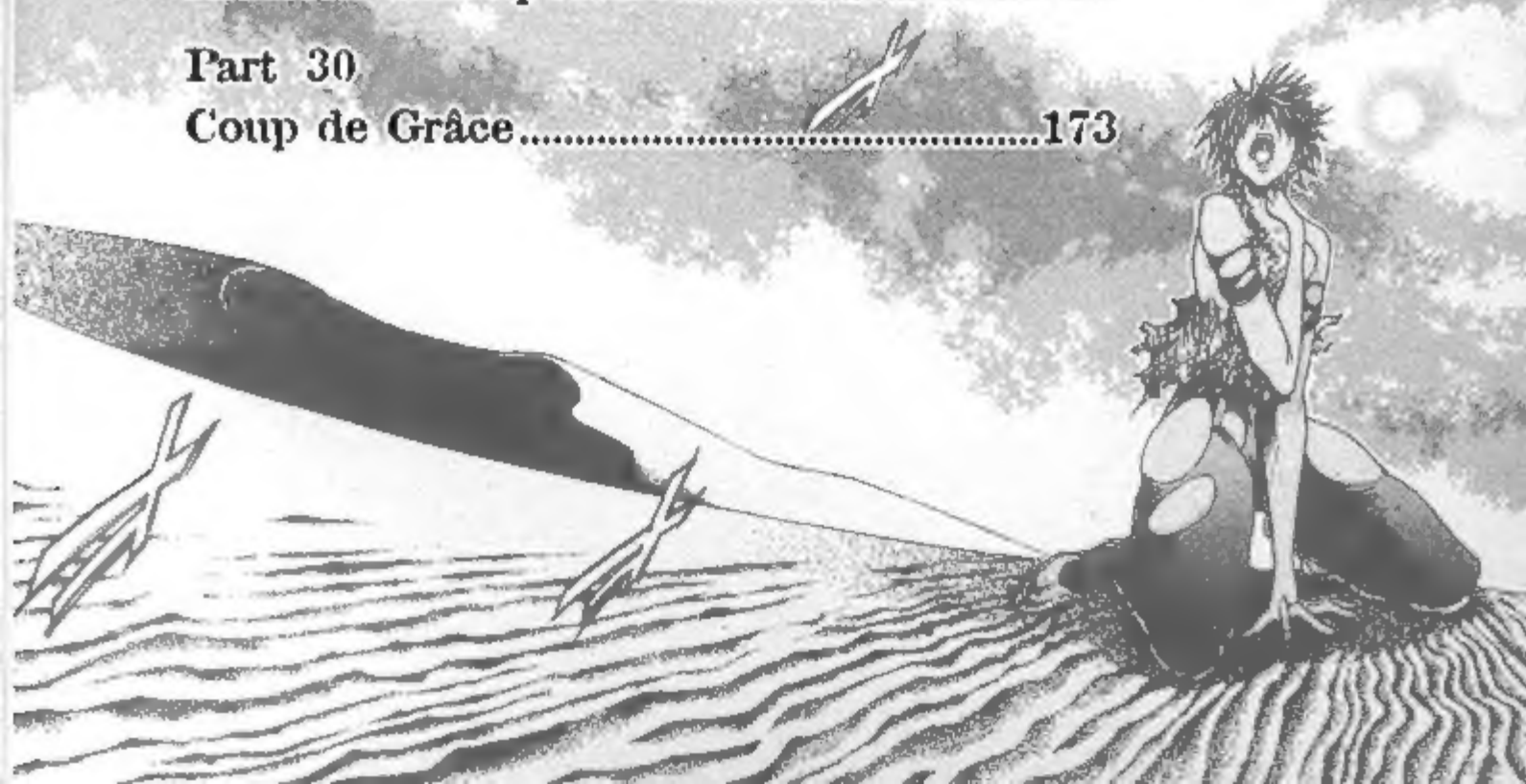
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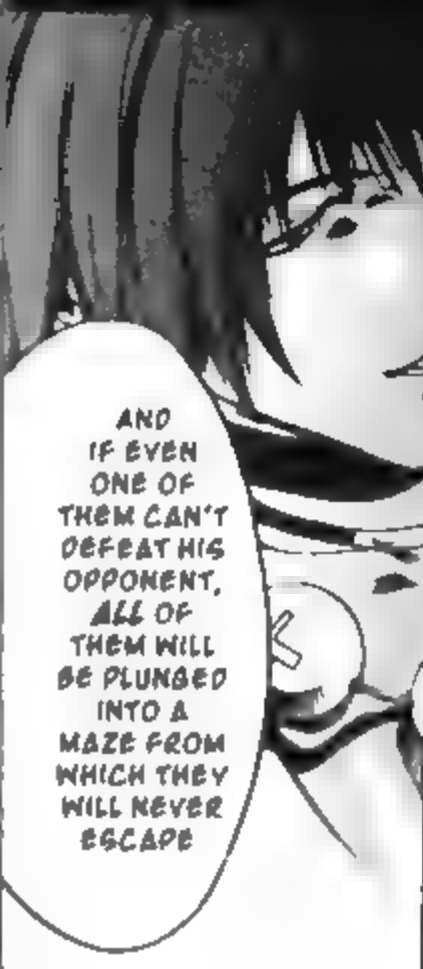




Hired to retrieve some missing children, the GetBackers and co are quickly defeated by an enemy controlling the mysterious card game Divine Design

After learning how to control the cards themselves with Maria's help, the GetBackers storm the enemy hideout to retrieve the children's "souls" and for some serious payback

A battle against the Four Holy Beasts begins in a magical circle but Ban awakens his powers completely and notches an easy win. However



AND IF EVEN ONE OF THEM CAN'T DEFEAT HIS OPPONENT, ALL OF THEM WILL BE PLUNGED INTO A MAZE FROM WHICH THEY WILL NEVER ESCAPE

IT'S A STRATEGIC PLAY, THE MOST BASIC OF BASIC STRATEGIES--USE YOUR WEAKEST CARD AS A SACRIFICE

DON'T WORRY, URIEL TO BREAK THE SPELL, THEY WILL NEED TO DEFEAT ALL FOUR BEASTS

BUT IF THEY GET THROUGH THE MAGIC CIRCLE AND MAKE IT HERE

RELAX, URIEL BYAKKO WAS THE LOUDMOUTH WIFE OF THE GUARDIAN BEASTS

WHAT DO WE GET WHO KNEW THE KING OF THE EVIL BYE WAS SO POWERFUL



WE  
MAY  
AS  
WELL  
SIT  
BACK  
AND  
ENJOY.

NONE  
CAN  
ESCAPE  
THE  
DESTINY  
FORE-  
TOLD BY  
DIVINE  
DESIGN.

# GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design  
Part 22 A Brother's Memory











?

HEH...  
DON'T  
GET SO  
WORKED  
UP.

QINGLONG,  
THE AZURE  
DRAGON

WHO  
ARE  
YOU?

AND  
HOLDER  
OF THE  
GUARDIAN  
BEAST OF  
THE EAST  
CARD.

YOU'LL  
SCARE  
AWAY THE  
FISH. COME  
SIT WITH  
ME--I'D  
LIKE TO  
TALK TO  
YOU.

WHAT'S  
WITH  
HIM?  
THIS  
AURA  
IS SO  
CALM~

(NOTE: QINGLONG MEANS 'IN JAPANESE, I FAZU BE - RAINING' IN  
ME THE FOUR HOLY BEASTS TRIUMPH OVER THE MOUNTAINS)



5x-~~~~~h..



I  
AM?

IS THAT  
FUNNY?

THE  
WEATHER  
SURE IS  
GREAT!  
PERFECT  
DAY FOR  
FISHING!

THOUGH IT  
WAS JUST  
FISHING  
FOR KOI IN  
THE PARK  
CUZ WE  
WERE  
BROKE AND  
STARVING

I WENT  
ONCE WITH  
BAN-CHAN  
A LONG TIME  
AGO

I INVITE  
YOU  
OVER,  
AND YOU  
TOTALLY  
LET YOUR  
GUARD  
DOWN

HOW  
DID YOU  
EVER  
COME TO  
BE CALLED  
THE EM-  
PEROR OF  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS?

YOU  
SURE  
ARE AN  
ODD  
GUY.

HEH.

WE  
CAUGHT  
SO MANY  
THAT  
TIME!  
THOUGH  
WE GOT  
BUSTED

Ah  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha!

But Ban-  
chan ran  
away



IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN I COULD HAVE BEEN BY HER SIDE, AND SHE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DIE

I HAD A YOUNGER SISTER I WAS SEPARATED FROM I NEVER IMAGINED SHE WAS IN INFINITY FOREST THOUGH



NOT DIRECTLY. I'VE JUST HEARD A LOT.



SOUNDS LIKE YOU KNOW ME WELL.



YEAH



SISTER?



...THE BROTHER OF CHUN LONGHUA, WHO DIED IN YOUR PLACE.

I AM ...





GET THE  
WOMEN  
AND  
CHILDREN  
INTO THE  
SHELTER!!

THE  
BELTLINE  
GUYS ARE  
ATTACK-  
ING!

CHUN  
LONGHUA...



DID  
EVERYONE  
GET OUT?!

DAMN  
IT! WHY  
ARE THEY  
DOING  
THIS?!

BLOOM  
HAS  
BEEN  
WIPED  
OUT

GEEK!



I'LL  
PRO-  
TECT  
YOU.

DON'T  
WORRY.



IT'S THE  
SAME  
WHERE  
EVER WE  
GO THE  
PEOPLE  
FROM  
ABOVE  
WANT TO  
KILL US  
ALL

LONGHUA!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU STILL  
DOING  
HERE?  
YOU'LL BE  
KILLED!



BUT

LET'S  
Worry  
TECHNICAL  
AND THE  
OTHERS ARE  
FIGHTING

WE NEED  
TO GO SO  
WE'RE NOT  
IN THEIR  
WAY



OKAY.

well



YEAH!

HURRY,  
LONG-HUA!



HEY,  
OVER  
HERE!

HA HA HA!  
YOU AIN'T  
GETTING  
AWAY,  
KID



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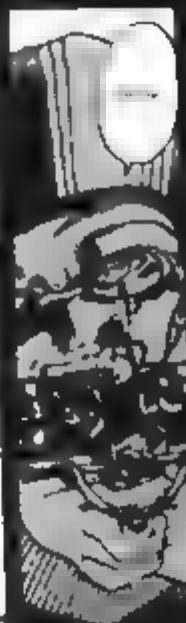


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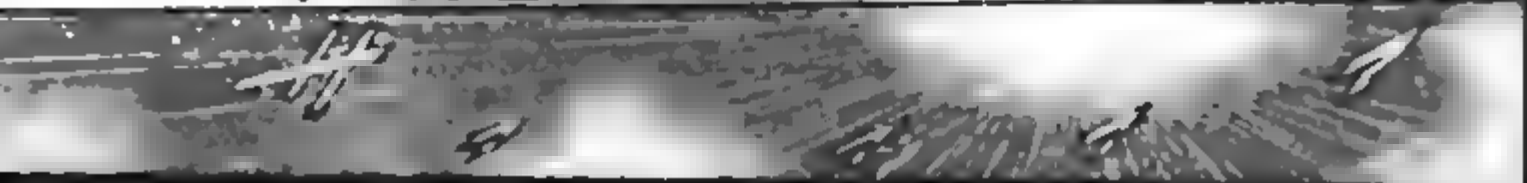
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GINJI-  
KUN!!



LONG-  
HUA,  
YOU  
OKAY  
?!





LONGHUA

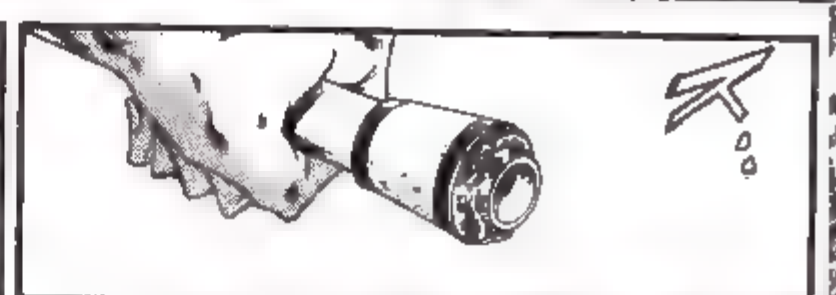
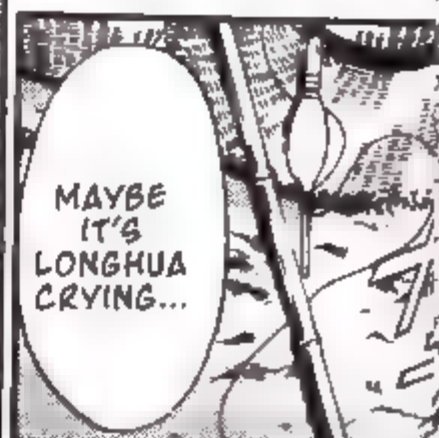
THEN  
NOBODY  
WOULD  
GET  
HURT

IT'S SO  
HORRIBLE  
IN HERE  
BUT YOUR  
KINDNESS  
WARMED MY  
HEART


YOU MADE  
ME FEEL  
HAPPY  
FOR THE  
FIRST TIME







DIE  
HERE  
FOR ME  
TODAY,  
GINJI-  
KUN.



OR  
SHOULD  
I SAY...

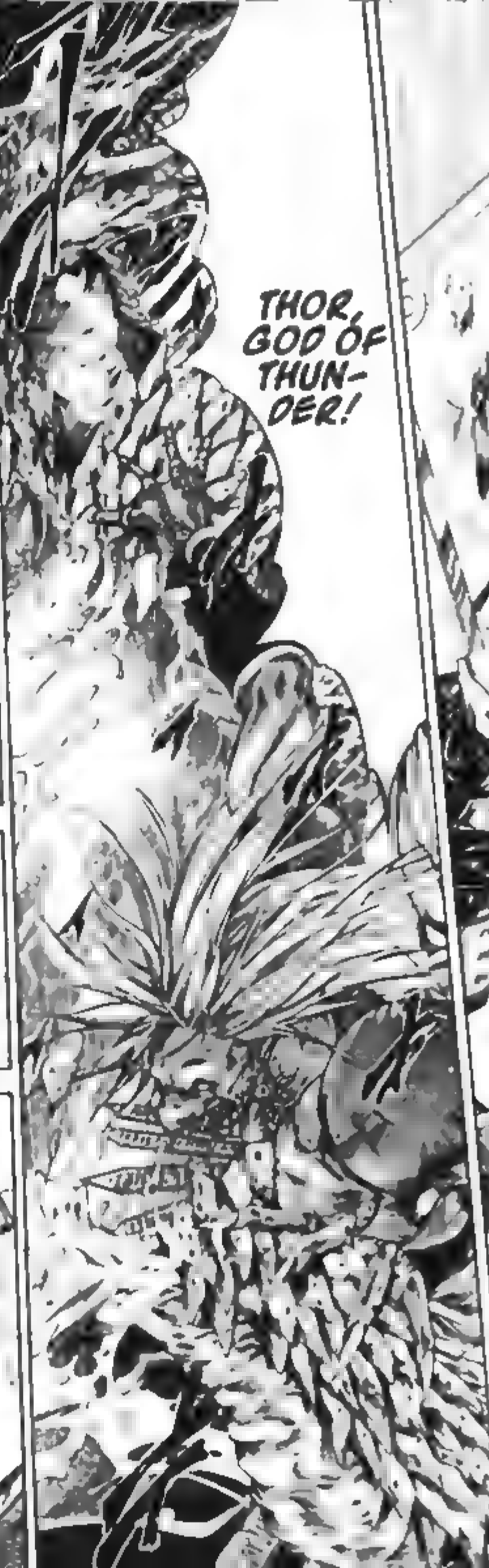
...LIGHT-  
NING  
LORD  
?!?





LOOKS  
LIKE THE  
ONLY WAY  
TO SETTLE  
THINGS IS  
HAND-TO-  
HAND  
COMBAT

I SEE  
YOU'RE  
ABLE TO  
CONTROL  
THE  
CARDS



THOR,  
GOD OF  
THUN-  
DER!



IN  
THAT  
CASE

I'LL SHOW  
YOU MY  
FIGHTING  
STYLE THAT  
HAS BEEN  
HEIGHTENED  
BY USING  
THE CARD OF  
QINGLONG,  
THE MASTER  
OF WATER



UGH!





THE  
CHUN  
QINGLONG  
SWORD  
STYLE--



DRAGON OF  
HEAVEN!!




I SEE,  
CHARGING THE  
EARTH WITH  
NEGATIVE IONS  
AND THEN  
MAGNETIZING  
YOURSELF  
AND USING  
REPUSSION TO  
FLOAT IN THE  
AIR

YOU'RE  
SMARTER  
THAN  
YOU  
LOOK

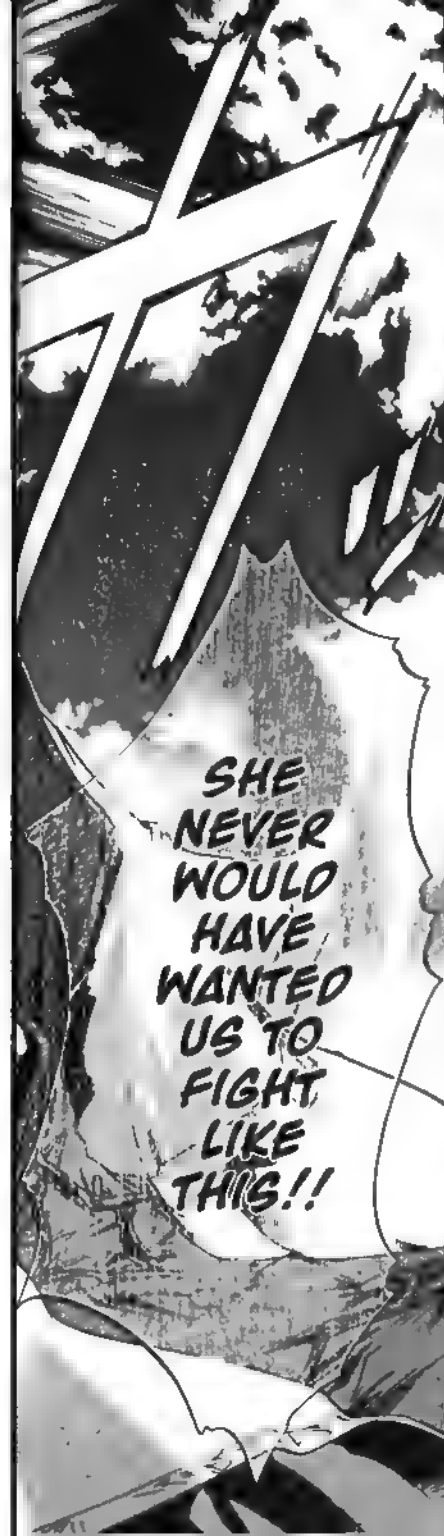


YES' MY  
GUARDIAN  
CARD  
ROCKS'

WITH THIS  
I CAN  
FIGHT ON  
WATER.



WHA  
A  
GUY  
ON  
WATER



SHE  
NEVER  
WOULD  
HAVE  
WANTED  
US TO  
FIGHT  
LIKE  
THIS!!



WHY  
WOULD  
YOU  
LOWER  
YOURSELF  
TO HELP  
LUCIFER?!

WHY  
WOULD  
A GREAT  
FIGHTER  
LIKE YOU  
NEED  
DIVINE  
DESIGN?



HIS FIGHTING  
STYLE IS  
CHANGING

BLOCKING  
THE WATER  
SWORD BY  
EVAPO-  
RATING  
IT?



THIS  
ISN'T  
WHAT  
LONGHUA  
WOULD  
HAVE  
WANTED

WHY,  
QING-  
LONG-  
SAN?





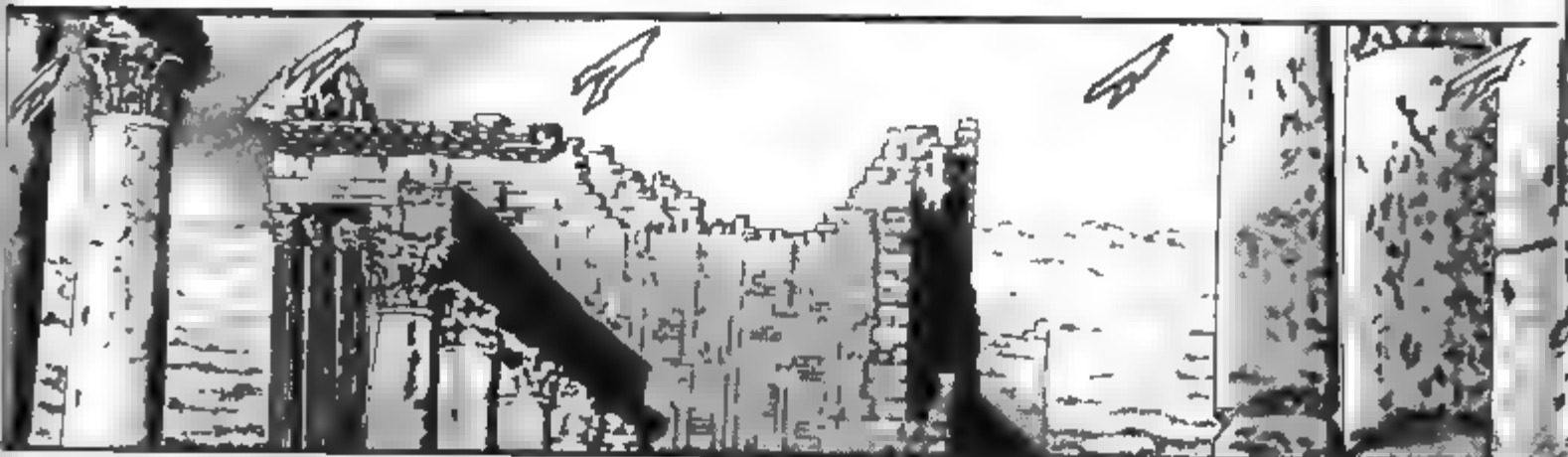


PHEW



HOW  
FAR DO I  
HAVE TO WALK  
TO FIND THE  
GUARDIAN  
BEAST OF THE  
SOUTH?

IT'S  
SO  
HOT  
HERE



IT'S  
SODOM  
AND  
GOMORRAH



HUH...?



NO,  
THESE  
ARE  
RUINS

WHERE  
AM I?



A  
MIRAGE



**YAMATO?  
BROTHER  
?!**

# GET BACKERS





Head to retrieve some runaway children, the GetBackers learn how to control the Divine Design cards power with the help of the fortuneteller Maria and then head off to challenge Lucifer once again!

Having defeated several of the exchangebots and entered the enemy base, the GetBackers now face the Four Holy Guardian Beasts.

IMPRES-  
SIVE,  
LIGHT-  
NING  
LORD!

BLOCK-  
ING THE  
WATER  
SWORD BY  
EVAPO-  
RATING  
IT?

LIGHT!

SILENCE

WHY  
JING  
LONG-  
SANG?

WHY  
WOULD A  
GREAT FIGHT-  
ER LIKE YOU  
NEED DIVINE  
DESIGN?

STONES  
FROM  
WITHIN THE  
WATER?!

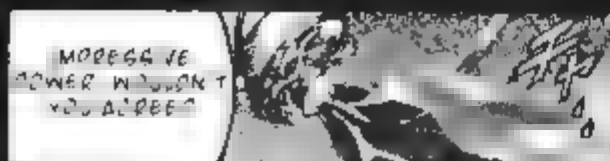
WHA

CHUN  
JINGLONG  
'SWORD  
STYLE--

DRAGON  
OF  
EARTH!!!



GAAH!



MORESS JE  
POWER WOULDNT  
YOU AGREE



UGH!



INSIDE THE  
TERRITORY OF  
DIVINE DESIGN,  
I'M ABLE TO  
RELEASE THE FULL  
POTENTIAL OF THE  
CHUN QINGLONG  
SWORD STYLE  
I CAN PERFORM  
TECHNIQUES  
FROM MY CLAN'S  
HEYDAY THAT GIVE  
A SINGLE FIGHTER  
THE STRENGTH OF  
A THOUSAND

BUT AS  
YOU  
JUST  
SAW



EVEN  
WITH MY  
SKILL, I  
HAVE ONLY  
BEEN ABLE  
TO MASTER  
CONTROLLING  
ONE SWORD  
AT A TIME



MAYBE MY  
ANCESTORS  
WERE ALSO  
DOMINATORS  
WHO COULD  
USE DIVINE  
DESIGN

LEGENDS ARE  
BUT LEGENDS--I  
USED TO THINK  
THE STORIES I  
HAD HEARD WERE  
MERE FAIRY  
TALES, BUT



!



THEY'D  
NEVER  
RELY  
ON THE  
POWER  
OF THESE  
STUPID  
CARDS  
LIKE  
YOU

BUT THEY  
ALL TAKE  
PRIDE  
IN THEIR  
TECH-  
NIQUES

I  
HAVE MANY  
FRIENDS  
WHO USE  
TECHNIQUES  
PASSED  
DOWN TO  
THEM FROM  
THEIR CLAN  
ANCESTORS



SHUT  
UP...



AND  
WITH YOU  
HELPING  
LUCIFER  
ACHIEVE  
HIS  
PLANS...

...I  
CANNOT  
ALLOW  
MYSELF  
TO LOSE!


AND  
I DON'T  
THINK  
OF WHAT  
I DID IN  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS  
AS RIGHT

BUT THE  
KINDHEARTED  
LONGHUA  
WOULD  
NEVER HAVE  
WISHED YOU  
TO BECOME  
THIS

# GET BACKERS


Act VIII - Divine Design  
Part 23 - Twin Dragons






I KNOW  
YOU  
DON'T  
REALLY  
WANT--

SHE WAS  
ALWAYS  
WORRYING  
ABOUT  
OTHERS  
FIRST YOU  
SHOULD  
KNOW, RIGHT?  
YOU'RE HER  
BROTHER



BACK AT  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS,  
WE WERE  
ALWAYS AT  
THE MERCY  
OF THE  
GUYS FROM  
BABYLON  
CITY

THERE  
WAS NO  
FREEDOM  
THAT'S WHY  
LONGHUA  
WAS ALWAYS  
WISHING  
THAT WE  
COULD ALL  
LIVE IN  
PEACE



I DON'T  
GET IT YOU  
DON'T SEEM  
TO ME LIKE  
THE KIND  
OF PERSON  
WHO WOULD  
DO THAT

YOU MUST  
KNOW HOW  
LUCIFER  
USED  
THOSE  
CHILDREN  
AND MADE  
THEM  
SUFFER




STOP



GING-  
LONG-  
SAN



STOP  
SAYING  
HER  
NAME.



DRAGON OF  
EARTH IN  
MY LEFT.



DRAGON  
OF  
HEAVEN  
IN MY  
RIGHT  
HAND



QING-  
LONG-  
SAN?



JUST  
FOR  
THAT

LONGHUA  
WILL



WHA  
?



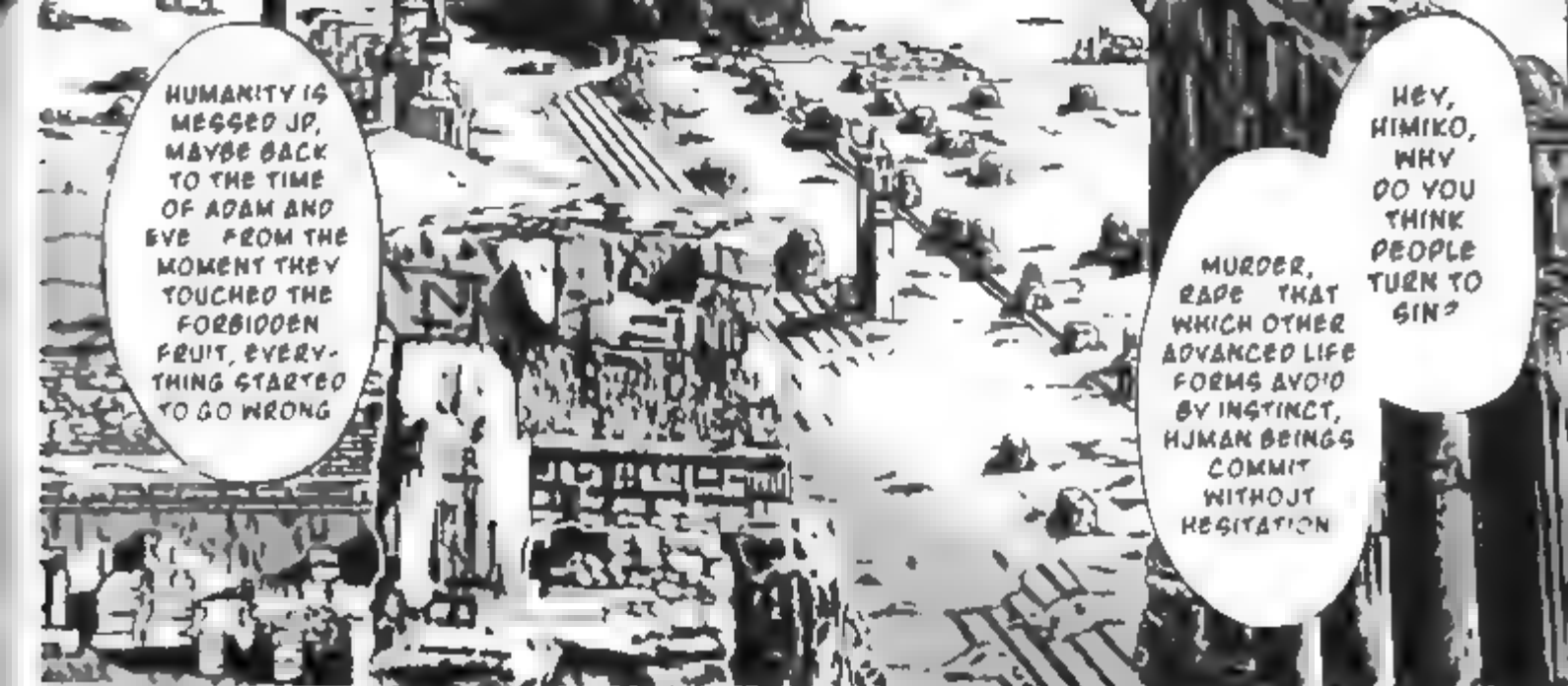
THE DEAL  
I MADE  
WITH  
LUCIFER  
WAS  
FOR ONE  
THING  
ALONE--

THE  
CHANCE  
TO DE-  
FEAT THE  
LIGHT-  
NING  
LORD  
GINJI  
AMANO  
THAT'S  
ALL



LIGHT-  
NING  
LORD!

IT'S  
OVER!




HUMANITY IS  
MESSED UP,  
MAYBE BACK  
TO THE TIME  
OF ADAM AND  
EVE FROM THE  
MOMENT THEY  
TOUCHED THE  
FORBIDDEN  
FRUIT. EVERY-  
THING STARTED  
TO GO WRONG

HEY,  
HIMIKO,  
WHY  
DO YOU  
THINK  
PEOPLE  
TURN TO  
SIN?

MURDER,  
RAPE THAT  
WHICH OTHER  
ADVANCED LIFE  
FORMS AVOID  
BY INSTINCT,  
HUMAN BEINGS  
COMMIT  
WITHOUT  
HESITATION



DON'T  
YOU  
AGREE,  
HIMIKO?



EVERYTHING  
THAT'S  
HAPPENING--  
SOMEONE HAS  
TO CHANGE IT  
IN A BIG WAY



STOP  
WITH THE  
ILLUSIONS  
AND  
FIGHT  
ME!

ENOUGH  
TALK



DON'T  
YOU  
GET IT,  
HIMIKO?  
I'M YOUR  
BROTHER  
YAMATO  
KUOO--I  
SWEAR!



YOU  
LIAR!  
YAMATO  
IS DEAD!

GIVE  
IT...



BLAZE  
SCENT!





...A  
REST!



HEH

WITH FLAME  
NULLIFIER SCENT  
CONTAINING  
CATALYTIC  
HYDROGENATED  
CRYSTALS, I  
CONVERT OXYGEN  
INTO WATER  
AND PREVENT  
IGNITION

IT'S  
USELESS  
THE WEAK-  
NESS OF THE  
BLAZE SCENT  
IS THAT IT  
NEEDS OXY-  
GEN TO WORK

WHA  
?!

FLAME  
NULLIFIER  
SCENT!

SHUT  
UP!

LOOKS  
LIKE  
YOU  
STILL  
HAVE A  
LOT TO  
LEARN  
FROM  
ME



NOT THAT  
I BLAME  
YOU FOR  
DOUBTING  
ME.

IT'S  
TRUE  
THAT  
IN THE  
WORLD OF  
REALITY,  
I DIED.

BUT  
RIGHT  
NOW  
WE'RE  
IN THE  
UPPER  
REALITY  
CREATED  
BY DIVINE  
DESIGN.

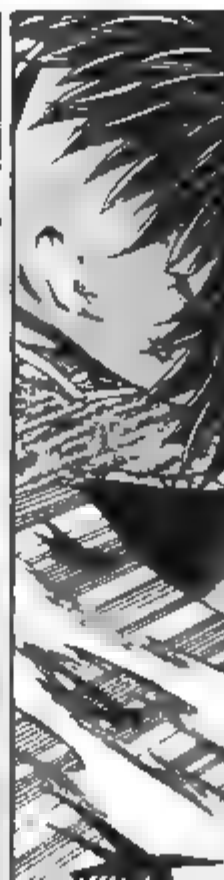
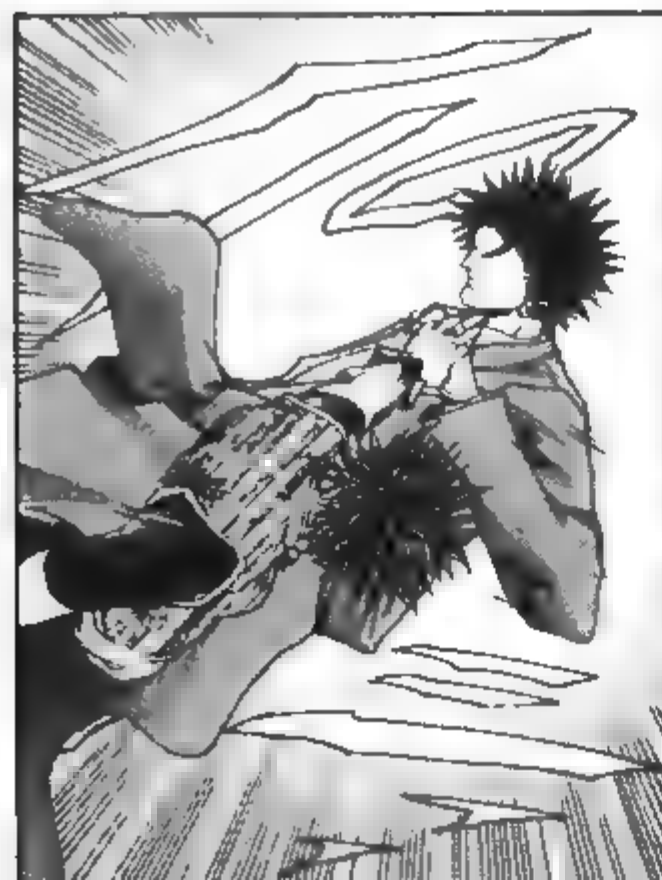


EVEN  
THOUGH  
THE  
REVERSE  
ISN'T  
TRUE



DEATH  
IN THE  
LOWER  
REALM  
DOESN'T  
AFFECT  
THINGS  
HERE

YOU SAW  
ME DIE--  
BUT HERE,  
THAT NEVER  
HAPPENED



THIS  
BRINGS  
BACK  
MEMORIES  
OF WHEN  
YOU FIRST  
ARRIVED  
ON THE  
P. 574  
DEE

YOU'D  
GET  
ANGRY  
AND  
COME  
AT ME  
OFTEN

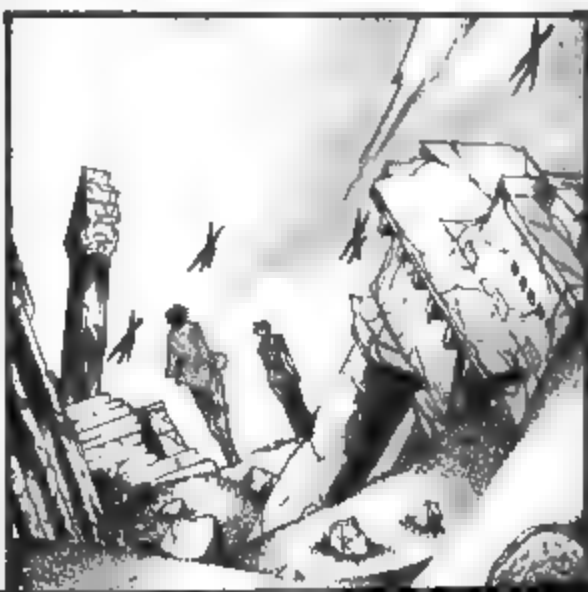


...HAS  
IT,  
HIMIKO?

THAT STUB-  
BORN AND  
COMPETITIVE  
SIDE HASN'T  
CHANGED AT  
ALL...



YAMATO





YAMATO!!!





WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

THE  
ONE  
WHO  
KILLED  
ME  
WAS  
BAN.



I  
THOUGHT  
BAN  
KILLED  
YOU

AND  
I  
HATED  
HIM  
FOR  
IT, AND



DON'T  
CRY.  
YOU  
DUMMY

F-BUT

BUT



BUT WHAT  
REALLY  
HAPPENED?  
WHEN YOU  
DIED I  
SAW BAN'S  
RIGHT HAND  
COVERED IN  
BLOOD

WHO'S  
THE ONE  
WHO  
REALLY  
KILLED  
YOU?

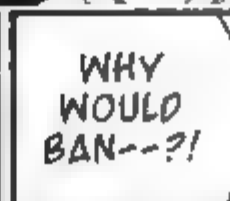


...BY  
BAN  
MIDO.

I WAS  
KILLED...



THEN  
YOU  
SHOULD  
COME  
JOIN ME.



WHY  
WOULD  
BAN--?!



WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN ?



HUH?

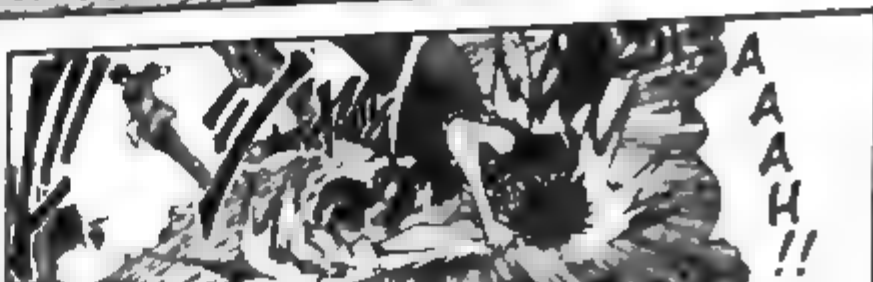


YOU  
WANT  
TO  
KNOW?



WHAT'RE  
YOU  
DOING?!

Y-  
YAMATO!



A  
A  
A  
H!!

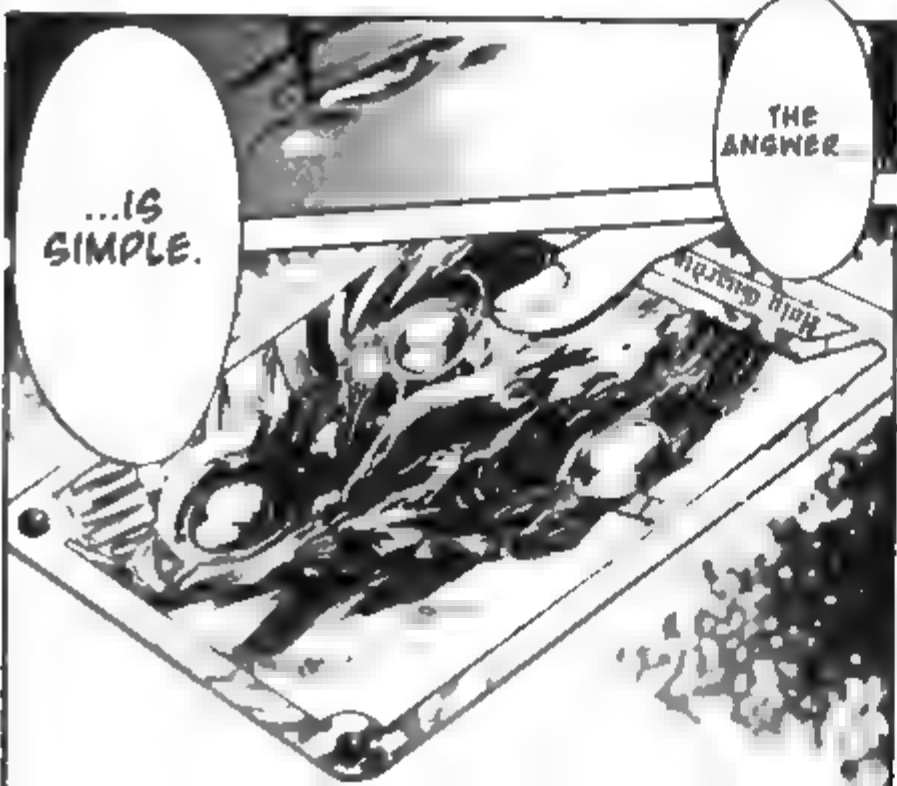


CAN'T YOU  
FIGURE  
IT OUT?  
THIS IS MY  
TERRITORY

WHY?



DON'T BE  
FIDICULOUS  
WHY WOULD



...IS  
SIMPLE.

THE  
ANSWER



RIGHT?  
BAN WILL  
COME HERE  
SOON, TOO.  
THEN IT'LL  
BE JUST  
LIKE OLD  
TIMES

I  
JUST  
WANT  
YOU TO  
COME  
AND BE  
WITH  
ME







THESE  
NUMEROUS  
BIRDS OF  
FIRE ARE  
CREATED BY  
COMBINING  
MY CARD  
WITH THE  
BLAZE  
SCENT I  
TAUGHT  
YOU.

THE  
ELEMENT  
OF MY  
BEAST IS  
FIRE.

\*Note: Though originally a different bird, Zouken is a phoenix.

YOU'RE  
JUST  
BEING  
FREED  
FROM  
YOUR  
BODY SO  
YOU CAN  
STAY  
HERE

YOU'RE  
NOT  
DYING

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
TO FEAR,  
HIMIKO

STOP,  
YAMATO!

YOU  
WON'T  
HAVE  
TO BE  
SAD ANY  
LONGER

AND THEN  
WE CAN BE  
TOGETHER

THEN  
YOU'LL  
FEEL  
RELIEVED

THE  
GEARING  
HEAT ONLY  
LASTS THE  
MOMENT  
IT TAKES  
FOR YOUR  
BODY TO  
BE CON-  
SUMED

YOU'RE  
STILL  
WEAK, SO  
YOU GOTTA  
WATCH  
OUT FOR  
YOURSELF

THERE'S NO  
WAY I COULD  
COMPETE...

MY  
BROTHER  
WAS ALWAYS  
SEVERAL  
LEVELS  
ABOVE ME.

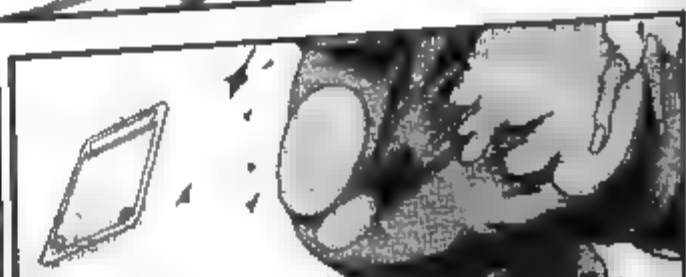
I CAN'T  
BEAT  
YAMATO.

I'M  
SORRY,  
BAN...



NOW  
COME,  
HIMIKO...

COME  
TO  
HADES.







THAT'S  
ALSO ONE  
OF YOUR  
GOOD  
POINTS.



WELL...

TSK TSK...  
FALLING  
FOR CHEAP  
TRICKS LIKE  
ALWAYS...



ALL MY  
FIREBIROS  
WERE  
WIPE  
OUT?!



W H A  
--?



WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON ?!



Bear Departed



ARE  
YOU--?!

UGH




I DON'T  
KNOW WHO  
THE HELL  
YOU ARE,  
BUT I DON'T  
APPRECIATE  
YOU PLAYING  
GAMES WITH  
MY SISTER

I'M THE  
REAL  
ONE,  
DUMBASS!



B-  
BROTHER  
?



...FROM  
THE REAL  
POISON  
MASTER,  
YAMATO  
KUDO!

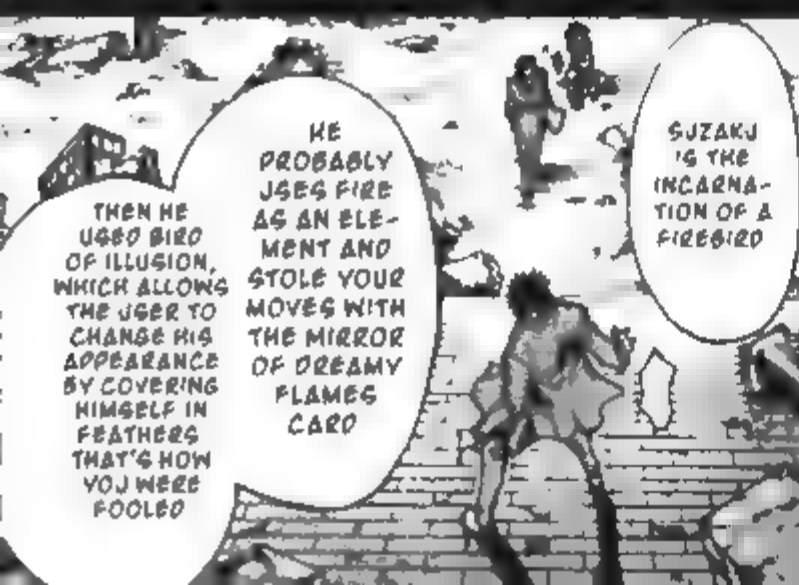
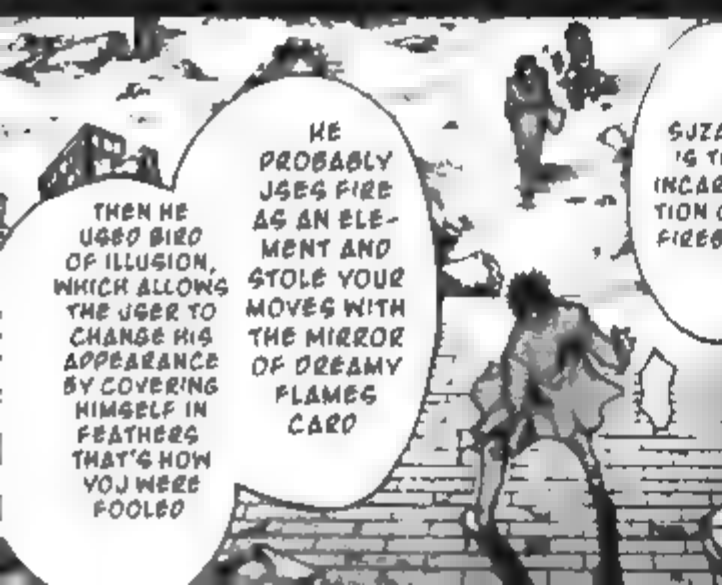
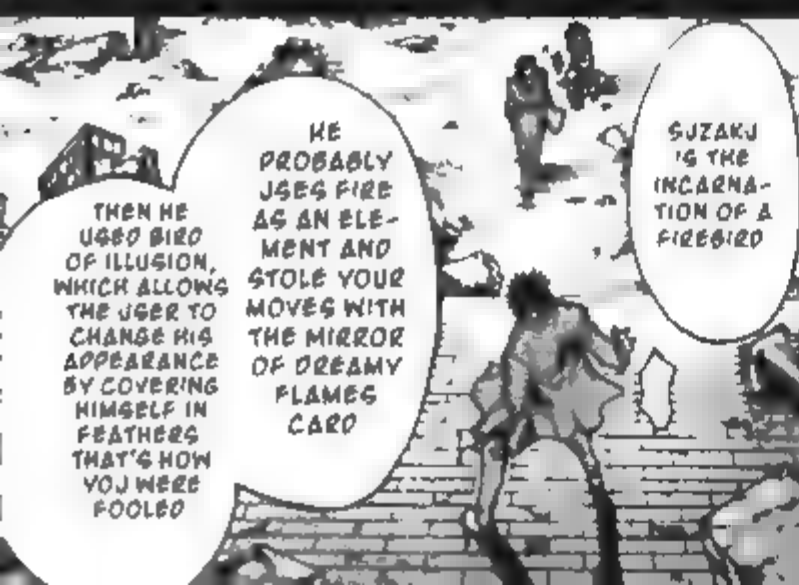
GET READY  
FOR SOME  
PAYBACK...

The GetBackers storm into Lucifer's base to retrieve the runaway children and the battle over the mysterious card game Divine Design begins. While Ginji struggles against the powerful opponent Qinglong, Himiko finds herself facing someone who claims to be her deceased brother.

And as she is about to meet her end, the one who saves Himiko is...?

# GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design  
Part 24: The Rules of Reality







I SEE THAT DEATH HASN'T AFFECTED YOUR WISDOM, YAMATO KJOO

IMPRESSIVE NO WONDER EVEN THE FAMOUS BAN MIDO WORKED UNDER YOU AS A PLUNDERER

HEH  
HEH  
HEH  
HEH



HEH  
HEH



AM I RIGHT?

FAKERS?



OTHERWISE YOU'LL BE JOINING ME ON THIS SIDE

IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, THEN GET LOST



MY MIRROR IS ABOUT TO GIVE ME YOUR REFLECTION

HEH  
HEH I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE



...I'LL TRANSFORM INTO YOUR BELOVED SISTER.

AND THEN USING BIRD OF ILLUSION ...



WHAT'S HE?

!





HA HA!!

CAN YOU  
REALLY ATTACK  
YOUR OWN  
SISTER?!

SWA HA  
HA! HOW  
ABOUT  
THAT?

ME?!



HUH?

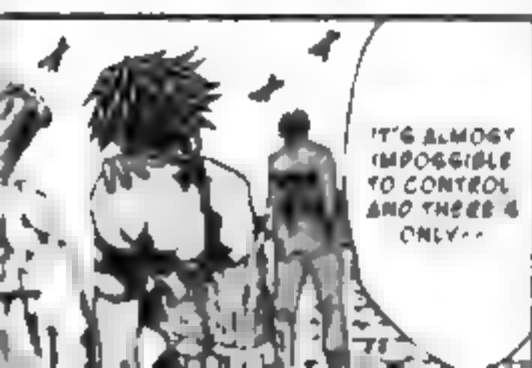


"A  
DIZENS  
OF 1000  
MILES  
POWERFUL  
THAN BLAZE  
SCENT AND  
IS USED IN  
SMALL  
QUANTITIES  
THAT THE  
OPPONENT  
CAN'T  
SMELL IT  
AT ALL

EXPLO-  
SION  
SCENT

GAH

ARE  
YOU A  
MORON?



IT'S ALMOST  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO CONTROL  
AND THERE'S  
ONLY...



ONE  
MILE  
SMELL  
SMELL



YAMATO?



YOU  
IDIOT



DID YOU  
FORGET  
EVERYTHING  
I TAUGHT  
YOU?

HOW'D  
YOU LET  
YOURSELF  
ALMOST  
GET  
BEATEN  
BY THAT  
PIECE OF  
TRASH?



I HAVEN'T  
SEEN YOU IN  
FOREVER, AND  
ALL YOU WANNA  
DO IS LECTURE  
ME? YOU STU-  
PID GHOST

SO YOU  
JUMP INTO  
THE ARMS  
OF THE  
FAKE, YET  
YOUR REAL  
BROTHER  
YOU INSULT?



YEAH! YOU DIED  
WITHOUT SAYING  
ANYTHING, AND NOW  
YOU'RE HAUNTING  
ME AND ACTING  
LIKE A DORK!

GHOST?



WHY  
SHOULDN'T  
I TELL AN  
IDIOT HE'S  
AN IDIOT?

HAUNTING

...RIGHT?



ONLY ONE  
GUY IN THIS  
WORLD OR  
THE NEXT  
WHO CAN  
USE IT...





STUPID  
BROTHER.

YEAH!

I SEE,  
IS, EH?


DON'T  
SAY  
THAT! I'M  
16 NOW!

PFT!  
YOU'RE  
BRATTY  
AS  
ALWAYS.



HEY,  
YAMATO

YEAH?



NOT  
REALLY  
IT JUST  
HAPPENED  
HE'S HIM  
AND I'M  
ME WE  
HAVE  
NOTHING  
TO DO  
WITH EACH  
OTHER



HUH

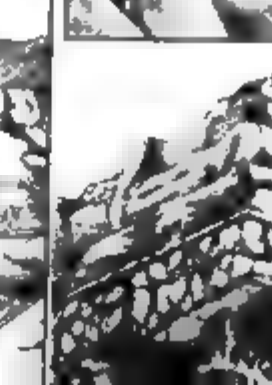
SIX-  
TEEN  
...



THAT'S  
NOT..

THAT  
FAKE WAS  
SAYING BAN  
KILLED YOU,  
BUT

IS  
THAT  
SO.. ?



YOU  
MUST BE  
SETTING  
ALONG WELL  
WITH BAN,  
SINCE YOU  
GUYS  
TEAMED UP  
FOR THIS  
JOB



LIKE, TO  
SAVE  
YOU...  
FOR  
EXAMPLE.



AND EVEN  
IF HE HAD,  
THERE  
DEFINITELY  
WOULD'VE  
BEEN A  
REASON

HUH?



HUH?



WHAT  
IF IT  
WAS?



SHEESH!

JUST  
KIDDING  
OF  
COURSE  
BAN  
DIDN'T  
KILL ME



IF THIS IS  
TRULY THE  
POWER OF  
DIVINE DESIGN,  
THEN THAT  
WOULD MAKE  
ME THINK  
THESE CARDS  
REALLY WERE  
CREATED BY  
GOD.

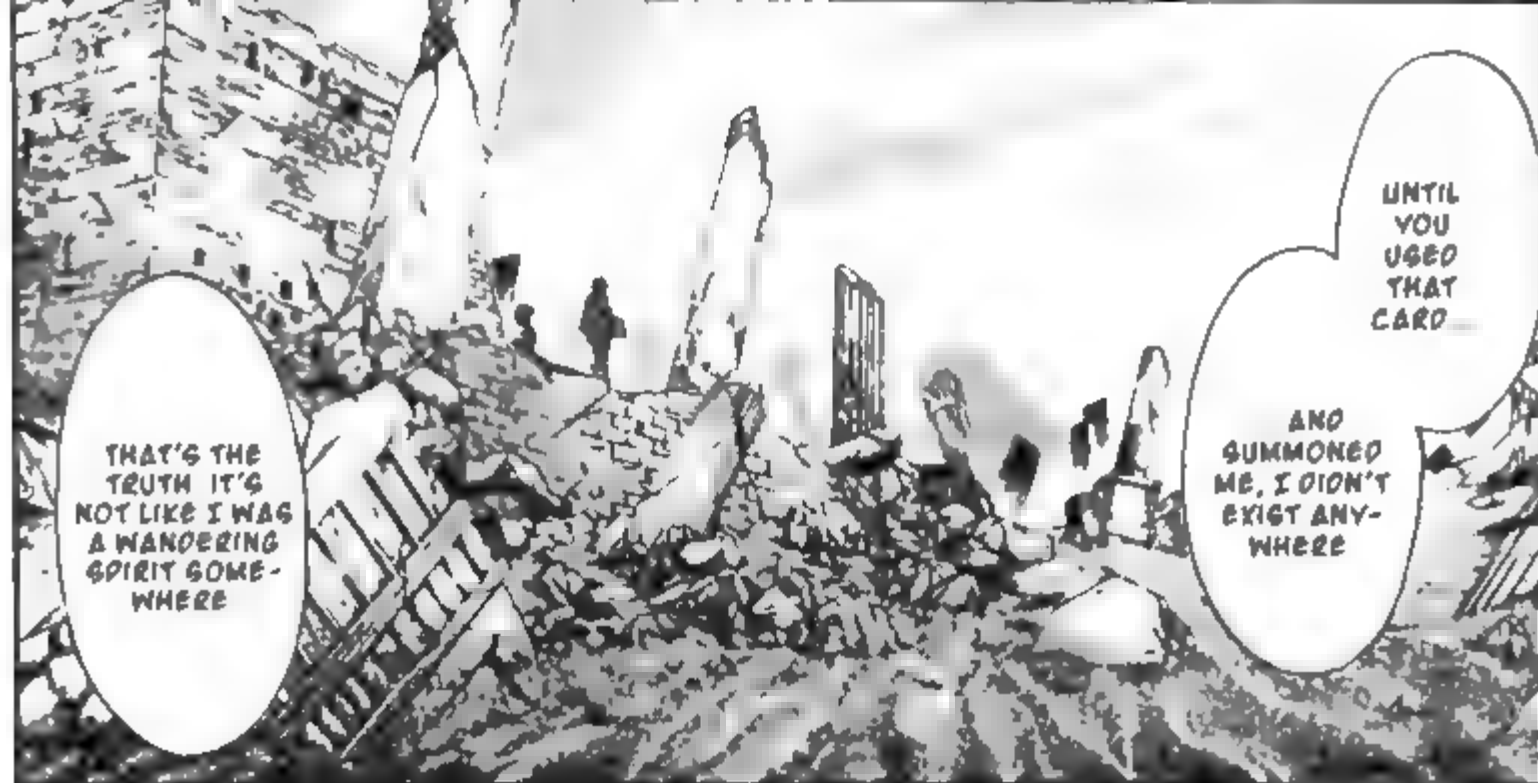
SAME  
HERE. I  
CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT.

I DIED  
A LONG  
TIME AGO,  
YET HERE  
I AM,  
TALKING  
WITH  
YOU

BUT  
MAN,  
THIS  
FEELS  
WEIRD.



OR THE  
DEVIL...



THAT'S THE TRUTH IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS A WANDERING SPIRIT SOMEWHERE

UNTIL YOU USED THAT CARD

AND SUMMONED ME, I DIDN'T EXIST ANYWHERE



YAMATO

I'LL PROBABLY DISAPPEAR AGAIN

AND NOW THAT I'VE FULFILLED MY JOB OF PROTECTING YOU



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BUT THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE CASE

I USED TO THINK THAT HUMANS WERE JUST TINY SPECKS OF DUST IN THIS VAST UNIVERSE



JUST LIKE INFINITY FORTRESS ...

IF THE **WORLD** HAS RULES GOVERNING IT THAT WERE CREATED BY **SOMEONE**, THEN DIVINE DESIGN IS AN ITEM THAT DESTROYS THOSE RULES

THIS WORLD THAT I THOUGHT WAS INFINITE MAY ACTUALLY BE JUST A TINY GARDEN CREATED BY THE HUMAN MIND





I KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
THINKING  
RIGHT  
NOW,  
HIMIKO,  
BUT  
FORGET  
IT

DIVINE  
DESIGN IS  
SOMETHING  
THAT SHOULD  
NOT EXIST

IT'S A  
FORBIDDEN  
FRUIT THAT  
TEACHES  
HUMANS  
THINGS  
THEY WERE  
NEVER  
MEANT TO  
KNOW



HIMIKO  
THERE'S  
ONE  
PHRASE  
YOU MUST  
REMEM-  
BER



HEY

LIKE  
WHAT?



YEAH,  
THERE'S  
ALL KINDS  
OF THINGS  
WE'RE  
BETTER  
OFF NOT  
KNOWING

THINGS  
WE'RE  
NOT  
MEANT  
TO  
KNOW?



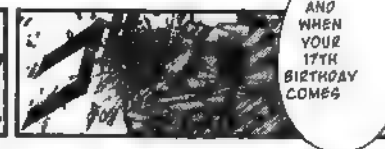
ME?

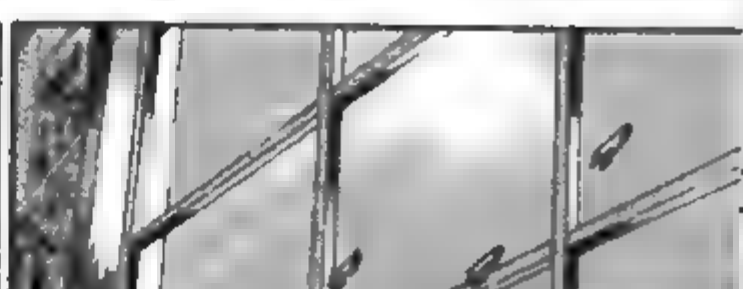


THAT  
APPLIES  
TO YOU  
TOO  
HIMIKO



YAMATOOOO!!









EVEN  
IF SHE  
SUDDENLY  
APPEARED  
BEFORE  
YOUR  
EYES

IT  
WOULDN'T  
BE HER!  
IT'D BE  
SOME  
OTHER...

THAT IF I  
CREATED A  
NEW WORLD  
WITH HIM,  
LONGHUA  
WOULD EXIST  
THERE AS  
WELL



LUCIFER  
PROMISED  
ME



LONGHUA  
DIED---IN  
MY ARMS!



THAT'S  
A LIE!



I TALKED  
TO HER,  
I HELD  
HER IN MY  
ARMS

THERE'S  
NOT A  
DOUBT  
IN MY  
MIND!

IT WAS  
LONGHUA!

I AL-  
READY  
GAVE  
HER



GAH

WITHIN  
LUCIFER'S  
DAZZLING  
TERRITORY!

I FOUND  
LONGHUA



WHAT? NO I'M NOT

HA HA  
HA--  
YOU'RE ALWAYS  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
THIS GINJI  
KID

SO THEN  
GINJI-KUN  
WAS LIKE--



!



NEITHER  
YOU NOR  
I ARE  
ABLE TO  
EXIST  
HERE  
FOR VERY  
LONG

QINGLONG-  
KUN THIS  
PLACE IS  
FLEET-  
ING, LIKE A  
MIRAGE

BUT--



WOULDN'T  
YOU AGREE  
THAT THAT  
WOULD BE  
THE SAME  
AS YOUR  
SISTER--  
LONGHUA--  
BEING  
ALIVE?



BUT WHAT  
IF THIS  
TERRITORY  
COULD  
BECOME  
MORE  
SOLID?

WHAT IF  
THERE  
WERE NO  
DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN  
IT AND THE  
WORLD WE  
LIVE IN?



LUCIFER..

UNFOR-  
TUNATELY,  
I'M GOING  
TO HAVE  
TO SHUT  
THIS PLACE  
DOWN  
PRETTY  
SOON





FRIENDLY  
GARDEN  
DRAGON

COULD IT  
BE...?

Friendly Gar

HUH?

IT'S NO  
GOODY  
I'M GOING  
DOWN

110

...I'LL  
GLADLY  
PUT THE  
FORBIDDEN  
FRUIT TO MY  
LIPS!

YONG  
BIE LIAO,  
GINJI-  
KUN...

IF IT  
MEANS  
SEEING  
THE SMILE  
OF MY  
BELOVED  
SISTER  
ONCE  
AGAIN...

BUT IF HE  
ACHIEVES HIS  
GOALS, THE  
WORLD WHERE  
LONGHUA  
EXISTS WILL  
BECOME  
INDISTINGUISH-  
ABLE FROM  
REALITY!

EVEN IF  
HE TURNS  
OUT TO BE  
AN ANGEL  
OF DEATH  
SENT BY  
THE DEVIL  
HIMSELF!

PEOPLE  
MAY CALL  
HIM A DOG  
QUIKOTE  
WHO'S  
LOST HIS  
MIND IN  
SEARCH  
OF HIS  
AMBITION

THAT'S  
WHY I  
DECIDED  
TO  
BELIEVE  
IN HIM!

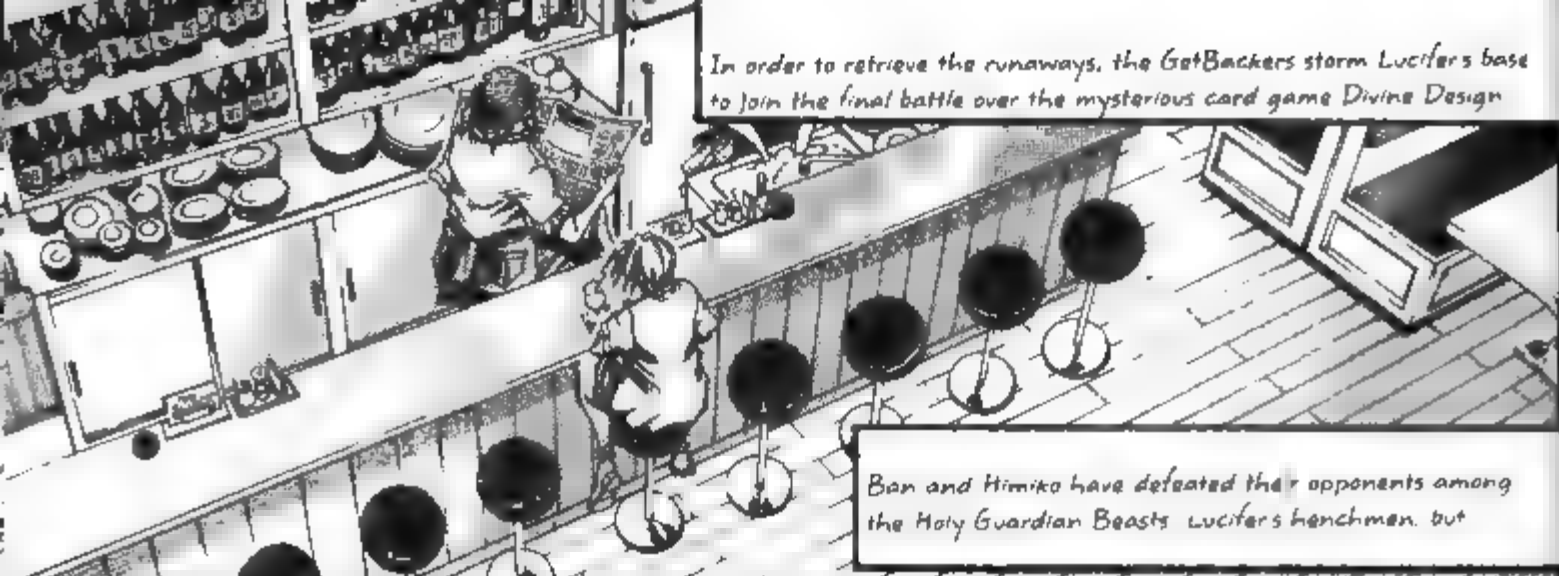




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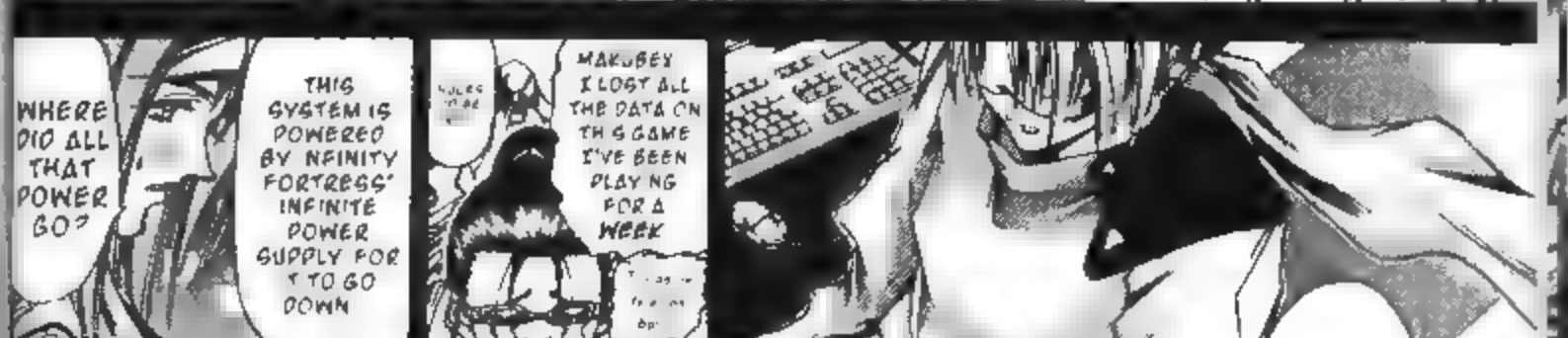
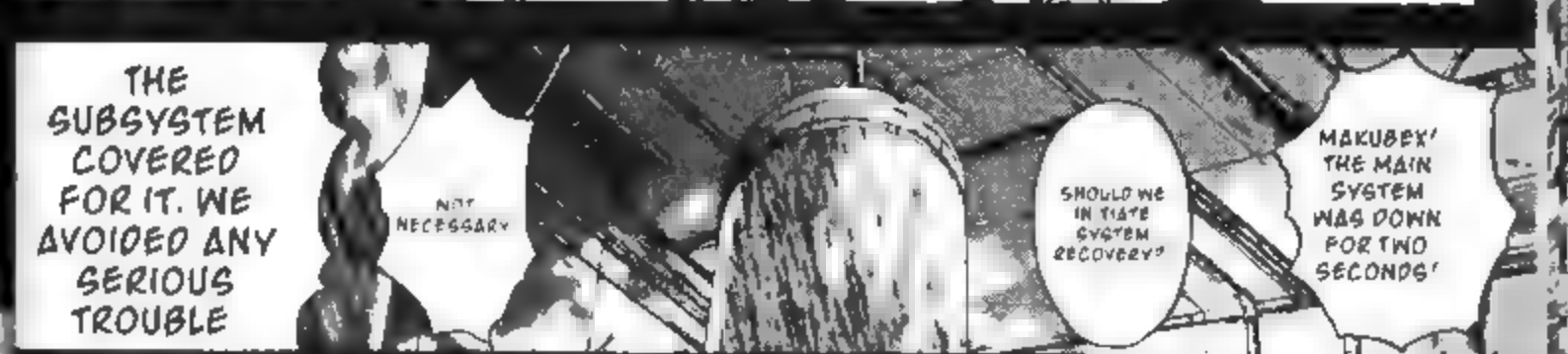




In order to retrieve the runaways, the GetBackers storm Lucifer's base to join the final battle over the mysterious card game Divine Design

Ban and Himiko have defeated their opponents among the Holy Guardian Beasts Lucifer's henchmen, but







BUT IT  
APPEARS  
THAT WHAT'S  
HAPPENING

...IS  
BIGGER  
THAN  
EVEN I  
PREDICTED



LOOKS  
LIKE IT  
WAS  
WISE  
THAT I  
SENT  
HIM.



THE  
BABYLON  
CITY GUYS  
HAVE BEEN  
STRANGELY  
QUIET  
LATELY  
TOO



HEY IS IT  
JUST ME  
OR HAVE  
THINGS  
BEEN  
WEIRD  
SINCE  
GINJI-MAN  
RETURNED  
THAT ONE  
TIME?



AND THEY  
SEEM TO BE  
RELATED TO  
THE MYSTERIES  
OF BABYLON  
CITY

I LOOKED  
INTO THE  
CARDS THE  
RETRIEVERS  
RECEIVED



THE MAN  
WITH THE  
BLOOD OF A  
TRUE WITCH  
FLOWING IN  
HIS VEINS,  
BAN MIDO...

AND THE ONE  
HOLDING THE  
KEY ARE THIS  
MAN NAMED  
LUCIFER AND



IT MAY  
BE THAT  
WITHIN  
DIVINE  
DESIGN  
LURKS A  
TERRIFYING  
TRUTH THAT  
WE CANNOT  
BEGIN TO  
FATHOM.

PLEASE BE  
CAREFUL,  
GINJI-SAN...



...HAVE ANY  
HOPE OF  
DEFEATING  
ME.

# GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design  
Part 23 For Longhua's Sake



YOU NO  
LONGER...



LET'S  
END THIS,  
QINGLONG-  
SAN.

IS THAT  
DRAGON  
YOU?

IS THAT  
YOU,  
LONGHUA?





LONGHUA  
IS THAT  
YOU?

WHY ?  
WHY  
DO YOU  
GIVE  
HIM  
POWER?



UGH



HE'S  
COMPLETELY  
CHANGED!

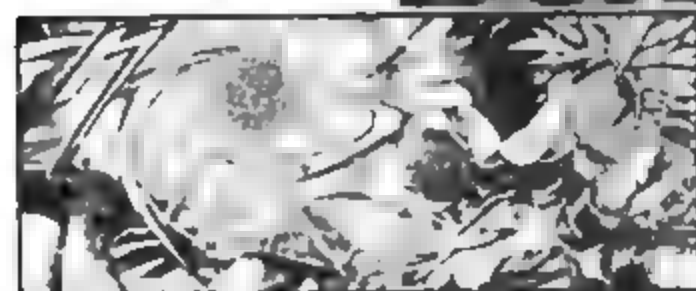
WHAT  
VIOLENT  
EYES



THIS  
IS THAT  
SOFT AND  
GOOEY  
GIRL  
AMANO



LET ME  
THROUGH



LIGHT-  
NING  
LORD!!

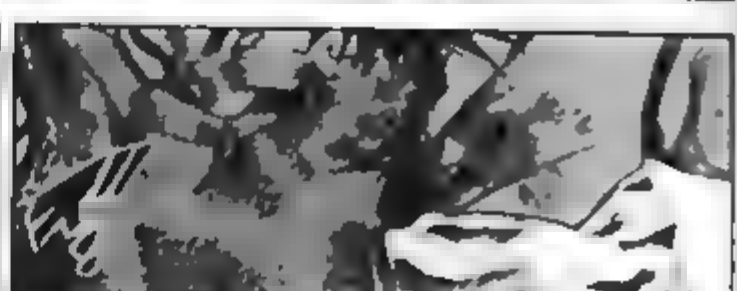
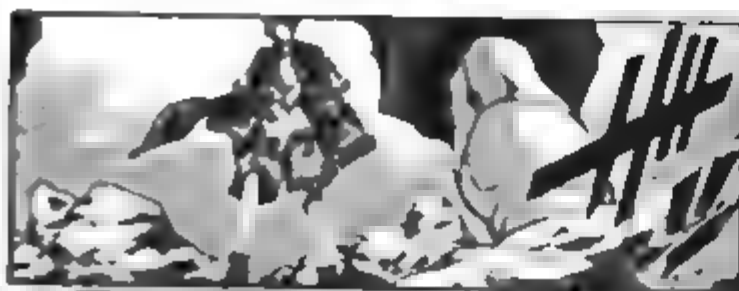




SO,  
THAT'S  
THE  
EXIT?



GAH!



I CAN-  
NOT LET  
YOU  
PASS.



OUT  
OF MY  
WAY.

I  
WON'T  
LET YOU  
PASS!!



THEY  
SHATTER  
LIKE GLASS  
AND ATTACK  
YOUR  
FLESH!!



IT'S  
USELESS!!  
IF YOU  
TRY TO  
STOP THE  
DRAGONS  
OF HEAVEN  
AND  
EARTH



HE  
GRABBED  
THE WATER  
SWORD!!



POSS-  
SIBLE



RRRGH  
GAAAA









THIS IS THE  
DIABLO OF  
TERROR WHO  
SUDDENLY  
APPEARED IN  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS?

U-UN-  
LIVABLE.

EVEN  
INSIDE THE  
TERRITORY  
OF DIVINE  
DESIGN, TO  
BE ABLE TO  
PRODUCE  
ENOUGH  
ENERGY  
TO GRAB  
MY WATER  
SWORD...

THAT'S  
NO MERE  
LIGHTNING

THIS  
IS THE  
POWER OF  
THE LIGHTNING  
LORD?!

COMBINING  
BOTH REALITY  
AND UPPER  
REALITY, A  
DOMINATING  
FORCE OF  
UNIMAGIN-  
ABLE POWER

I CAN'T  
CONTROL  
MYSELF  
THE NEXT  
TIME, I  
MAY KILL  
YOU

UNDER-  
STAND  
YET? LET'S  
STOP

BECAUSE  
THE CLAW  
WILL RIP  
YOUR HEART  
OUT IF YOU  
BETRAY  
HIM?

I  
CANNOT  
BACK  
DOWN...

DOES  
DEEMED  
ME

THAT I  
REPEATED  
THE  
LIGHTNING  
LORD WE  
BEGAN  
GATHERING  
FROM THE  
TECHNIQUE

A  
SWORD  
OF  
BLOOD

YOU  
PLAN  
TO  
DIE?

THAT  
I'D BE  
ABLE  
TO SEE  
HER  
ONCE  
AGAIN!!

CHUN  
QINGLONG'S  
SWORD  
FORBIDDEN  
TECHNIQUE

BLOOD  
DRAGON!!

MY OWN  
LIFE  
MEANS  
NOTHING  
TO ME

THIS  
IS ALL  
FOR THE  
SISTER I  
COULDN'T  
PROTECT

LIGHT-  
NING  
LORD!!

SO  
PLEASE  
DIE!!

FOR  
LONGHUA,  
EH?

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I WAS  
SAVED

.. BY  
LONGHUA.

Friend



I  
STOPPED

BECAUSE  
I WAS  
SAVED BY  
THIS CARD



AS THE  
LIGHTNING  
LORD,  
KILLING ME  
SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
EASY



HOW  
COME YOU  
REVERTED  
BACK ?



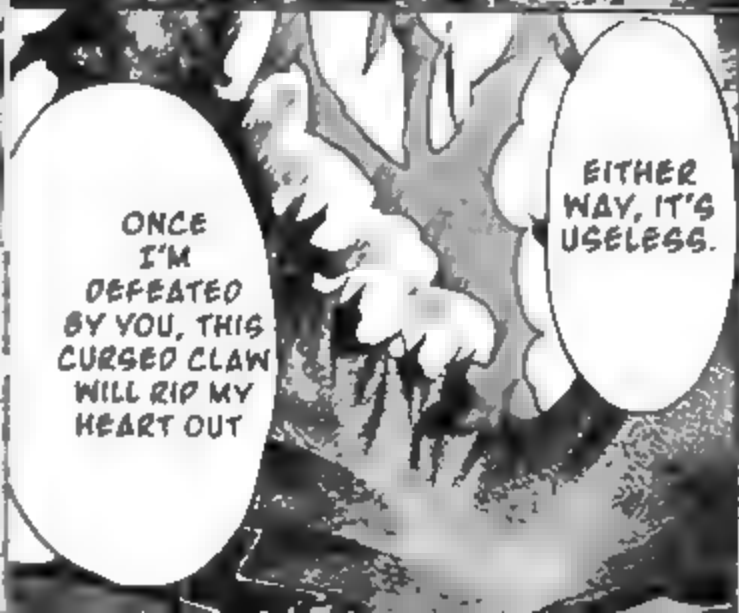
WHAT  
ABOUT YOU?  
HOW COME  
MISSED ON  
PURPOSE?



I COULD  
SENSE HER  
FEELINGS--I  
THINK THAT'S  
WHAT STOPPED  
ME FROM  
KILLING YOU

I BET SHE  
WANTED ME  
TO USE IT TO  
SAVE YOU,  
GINGLONG-  
SAN

I THINK  
LONGHUA  
BROUGHT  
THIS  
POWER  
FROM  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS  
TO ME



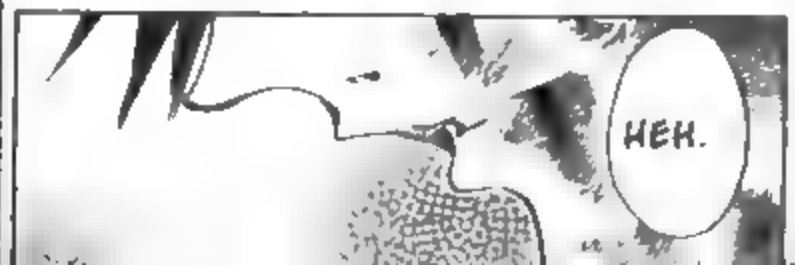
ONCE  
I'M  
DEFEATED  
BY YOU, THIS  
CURSED CLAW  
WILL RIP MY  
HEART OUT

EITHER  
WAY, IT'S  
USELESS.



THAT AND  
BECAUSE  
I WISH  
YOU TWO  
COULD BE  
REUNITED

He he he



HEH.







DO YOU  
THINK  
I'LL EVER  
SEE YOU  
AGAIN...IF I  
SURVIVE?



LIGHTNING  
LORD!

YES?

I'm not  
the Light  
ning Lord  
right now  
though



I  
THINK IT  
WOULD BE  
BETTER  
IF YOU  
HAD IT

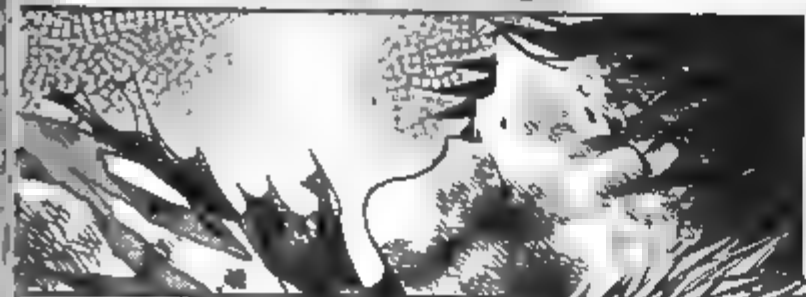


QINGLONG-  
SAN,  
TAKE  
THIS



THIS  
CARD IS  
WHAT  
BROUGHT  
LONGHUA  
TO ME.

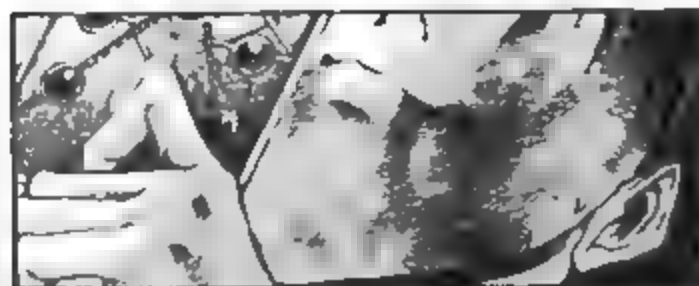
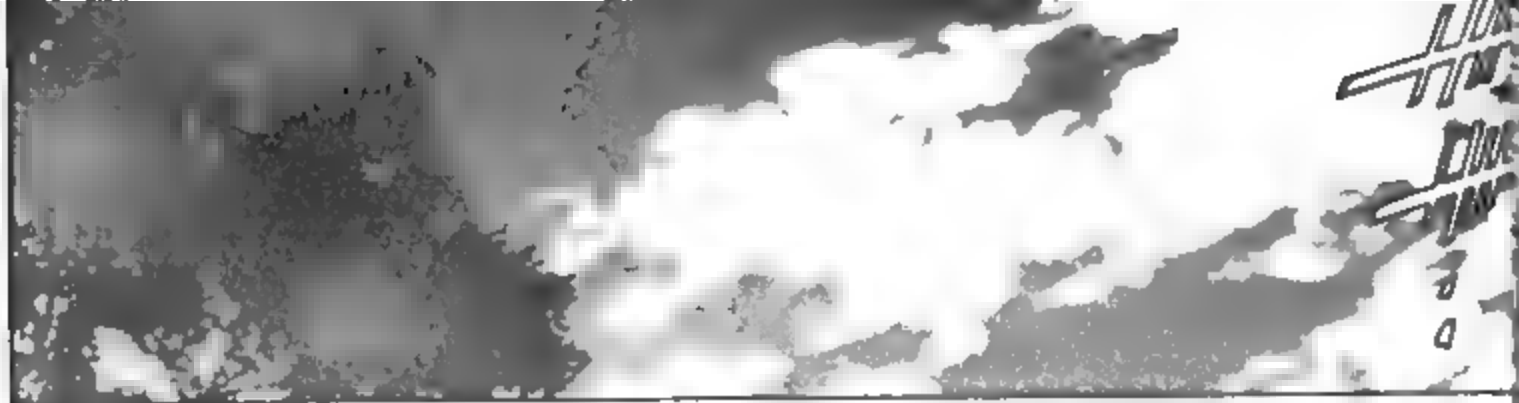
WHAT  
IS IT?



I'VE  
GOT A  
FEELING  
YOU WILL!



WELL, I  
BETTER  
GET  
GOING!



HAS  
GROWN  
TO BE A  
GREAT  
MAN.

LONGHUA  
THE KIND  
BOY YOU  
LIKED



LET'S  
MEET  
AGAIN,  
LIGHTNING  
LORD...

NO, I  
MEAN--  
GINJI  
AMANO...

WHAT'S  
KEEPING  
THEM ?

BEING  
INVINCIBLE  
SURE GETS  
BORING  
SOMETIMES...

SHUT  
UP!  
LEAVE  
ME BE!

CRYING  
FROM  
ANOTHER  
BEATDOWN?

YOU  
WERE  
CRYING  
AGAIN?  
YOUR  
EYES  
ARE RED

I'M  
BACK!

THE  
PHRASE  
"VOODOO  
CHILD"--

HEY,  
BAN ..

IDIOT!  
PUT  
THIS  
ON.

HEY!  
BAN-  
CHAAAAN!!

YEAH?

AND EVEN  
IF HE HAD,  
THERE  
DEFINITELY  
WOULD'VE  
BEEN A  
REASON.





WHAT'S  
WITH THE  
STOMPING?!

YOU  
TRANS-  
FORMED  
AGAIN,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

YOU'RE  
GONNA  
GET A  
WHUPPIN'  
LATER!

UHH

Well

NOOO!  
NOOO!



BAN-  
CH--



SORRY!  
DID I  
MAKE  
YOU  
WAIT  
LONG?!  
Yay! Yay!

LO  
~  
LO  
~  
LO  
~

LO  
~  
LO  
~  
LO  
~



OH  
WELL

HUH



WAIT, DIDN'T  
MARIA-SAN  
SAY SHE SENT  
SOMEONE TO  
HELP US?

OH YEAH!

♡

LET'S  
GO BEAT  
"NORTH"  
TOGETHER

BUT DIDN'T  
MARIA-SAN  
SAY THERE  
WERE  
FOUR?

SO THERE'S  
ONE MORE

YEAH!

ANYWAY,  
AT LEAST  
YOU  
WON.



BOOM



WHO'D SHE  
SEND...?

Who?

DID THE  
GATE JUST  
OPEN...?



I HAVE  
MORE  
IMPORTANT  
THINGS TO  
DO

BEGONE!

THE  
GUARDIAN  
OF THE  
NORTH,  
GENBU,  
HAS THE  
ULTIMATE  
DEFENSIVE  
CARD! HOW--

N-NO  
WAY!



MY  
FRIEND  
IS WAITING  
FOR ME.

# GET BACKERS



In order to retrieve the missing children, the GetBackers storm into Lucifer's base to join the final battle over the mysterious card game Divine Design. Ban, Hikiko and Gint, successfully defeat their opponents among Lucifer's henchmen the Holy Guardian Beasts!

And the fourth member as well

I HAVE  
MORE  
IMPORTANT  
THINGS TO  
DO

BEGONE!

THE GUARDIAN  
OF THE NORTH  
GENB. HAS  
THE ULTIMATE  
DEFENSIVE  
CARD! HOW--

N-NO  
WAY!

MY  
FRIEND  
IS WAITING  
FOR ME.

LOOKS  
LIKE THE GUY  
MARIA SENT  
GOT PAST  
THE GUARD-  
IAN BEAST  
OF THE NORTH

THE GATE  
OPENED?

I MET  
THIS  
PERSON  
NAMED  
GINBLONG-  
SAN, AND.

WELL.

HEY BAN-  
CHAN

YEAH?

WHO  
CARES?

WHO  
IS  
IT?





AND THAT'S WHY HE WAS FIGHTING--TO SEE HER AGAIN EVEN WHILE SUFFERING UNDER THE CURSE OF THE DEMON CLAW



QINGLONG-SAN SAID THAT HE MET HIS DEAD LITTLE SISTER IN LUCIFER'S TERRITORY

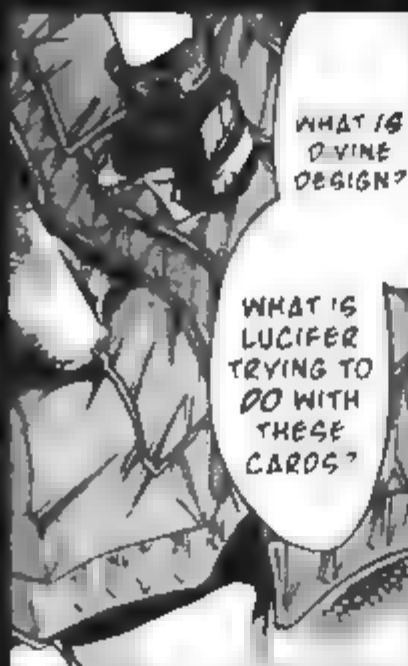


HE'S THE BROTHER OF A GIRL I WASN'T ABLE TO PROTECT BACK AT NEM--Y-YFORT PEGG

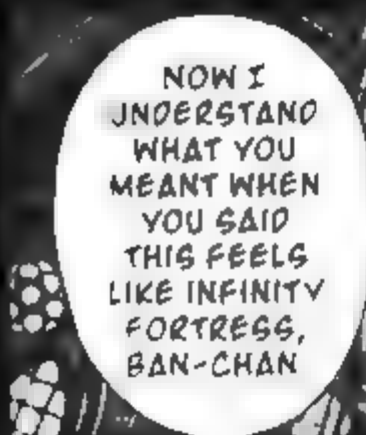
HE CARED ABOUT HIS SISTER A LOT AND WAS REALLY STRONG I THINK WE WOULD'VE BEEN GOOD FRIENDS IF WE'D MET UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES



WHAT IS DIVINE DESIGN?



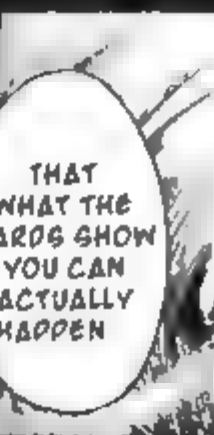
WHAT IS LUCIFER TRYING TO DO WITH THESE CARDS?



NOW I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID THIS FEELS LIKE INFINITY FORTRESS, BAN-CHAN



AND THAT YOU MAY EVEN SEE PEOPLE WHO'VE DIED



THAT WHAT THE CARDS SHOW YOU CAN ACTUALLY HAPPEN



REMEMBER WHAT MARIA-SAN SAID? THAT WHOEVER USES THESE CARDS GAINS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL?



...



THE TRUTH IS, I SAW YAMATO



THESE CARDS SHOULDN'T EXIST!

BUT SEEING QINGLONG-SAN MADE ME REALIZE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE DIVINE DESIGN CARDS ISN'T TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY



YES...

ARE  
YOU  
GUYS...

YEAH...

...READY  
AND WILLING  
TO LEARN THE  
TRUTH?

...THAT  
THE TRUTH  
COULD BE  
SOME-  
THING  
HORRIBLE  
...

EVEN  
KNOWING...

BUT  
WITH ALL  
THAT IN  
MIND, ARE  
YOU STILL  
PREPARED  
TO LEARN  
THE  
TRUTH?

THOUGH,  
MARIA  
PROBABLY  
KNOWS

THERE  
MUST BE  
SOME PAIN  
IN THE ASS  
SECRET  
INVOLVED  
FOR HER  
NOT TO  
HAVE  
TOLD US  
ALREADY

THERE'S NO  
GUARANTEE  
WE'LL GET  
OUT OF  
HERE  
ALIVE

AND WE  
CAN'T  
LEARN THE  
ANSWERS  
WE SEEK  
WITHOUT  
DEFEATING  
LUCIFER



...UNTIL  
WE'VE  
FLIPPED  
OVER THE  
FINAL  
CARD!!

*Get*



THEN OUR  
ONLY  
OPTION IS  
TO KEEP  
MOVING  
FORWARD...



*Backers*



THAT'S WEIRD  
I CAN'T  
MAKE THE  
GAME GO  
THE WAY I  
WANT

IT'S LIKE  
THE CARDS  
ARE PLAYING  
ALL BY THEM-  
SELVES

HUH?  
REALLY?

HEE HEE  
NOTICING THAT  
SHOWS HOW  
GOOD YOU  
GUYS HAVE  
GOTTEN  
AT IT



THERE  
ARE A  
GREAT  
MANY  
THINGS  
PEOPLE  
ARE  
BETTER  
OFF NOT  
KNOWING

YES  
THERE'S  
NO NEED  
FOR  
THESE  
KIDS TO  
LEARN  
ANY  
MORE  
ABOUT  
THIS



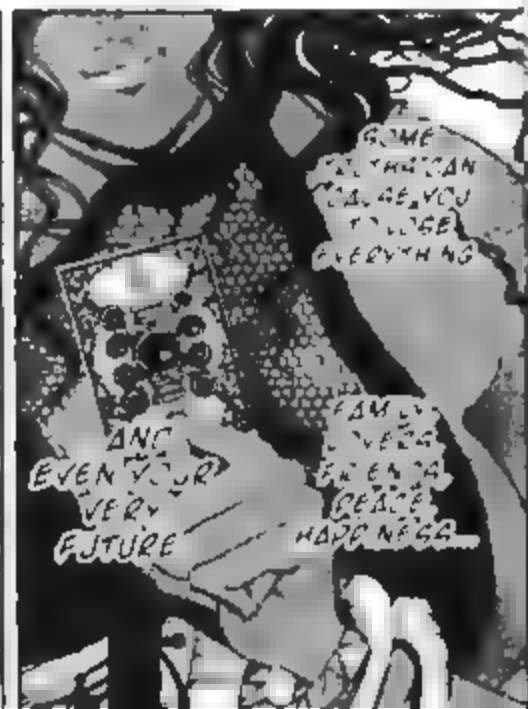
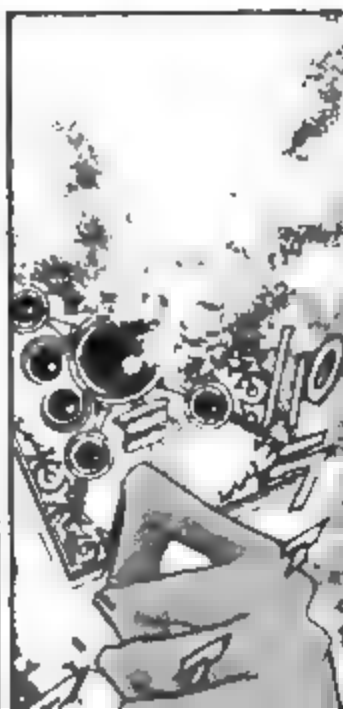
LOOKS  
LIKE ALL  
FOUR  
MADE IT  
THROUGH

THE HELL  
GATE  
CARD IS  
DISINTE-  
GRATING



I'VE  
DONE  
ALL I  
CAN

MY  
ACCESS IS  
TOTALLY  
CUT OFF  
FROM NOW  
ON.



COME  
ON, YOU CAN  
DO IT. YOU  
CAN DO  
EVERYTHING

AND  
EVEN YOUR  
VERY  
FUTURE

FAMILY  
EVERY  
ONE OF  
THEM  
PEACE  
HAPPINESS



...I'LL  
HAVE  
NO  
CHOICE  
BUT TO  
RELY  
ON YOU  
NOW.

BAN...  
IT MAY  
BE  
CRUEL,  
BUT..

AND GOD CREATED GREAT WHALES  
AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT  
MOVETH UPON THE WATERS: AND SHE  
FORTH ABUNDANTLY AFTER THE SEVENTH  
DAY: AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS  
GOOD: AND GOD CALLED THE FOWL OF THE  
EARTH BY NAMES.

AND THE EVENING  
AND THE MORNING  
WERE THE FIFTH DAY.

AND GOD BLESSED THEM,  
SAYING, BE FERTILE AND  
MULTIPLY AND FILL THE  
WATERS IN THE SEAS: AND LET  
THE FOWL MULTIPLY IN THE EARTH.

IT'S JUST  
THAT I'VE  
REALIZED  
SOME-  
THING

NOTH-  
ING'S  
WRONG

WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
YOU,  
SARIEL?

QUIET  
DOWN,  
URIEL

I'M  
PLAYING  
THE  
GAME

UGH  
THEY  
MADE IT  
THROUGH  
THE  
MAGICAL  
CIRCLE  
NOW  
WHAT,  
SARIEL?

REALIZED?

YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO SAID  
OUR DREAMS  
WOULD  
COME  
TRUE IF WE  
FOLLOWED  
LUCIFER

W  
H  
A  
T  
?

OUR  
DREAM OF  
NEVERLAND  
WILL VANISH,  
ALONG WITH  
ALL HOPE?

SO  
WHAT  
IF  
THEY  
DO?

HOW CAN  
YOU BE  
SO CALM?  
IF THE  
RETRIEVERS  
REACH  
HERE



THAT  
LUCIFER'S  
JUST AN  
ADULT  
LIKE ALL  
THE REST.



SO THE  
RETRIEVERS  
GOT PAST THE  
CIRCLE

I  
SEE



WERE  
THEY  
INEVIT-  
ABLE?



OR..

DO YOU SEE  
THE GUARDIAN  
BEASTS' DE-  
FEATS AT THE  
HANDS OF THE  
LIGHTNING LORD  
AND MIDO AND  
LADY POISON AS  
COINCIDENCES?



IF THERE WAS  
ANY CHANCE FOR  
VICTORY, THEN  
IT WOULD HAVE  
LAIN WITH SUZAKU  
AND HIS BAG OF  
TRICKS, OR WITH  
QINBLONG--  
ASSUMING  
THAT BINJI  
AMANO COULDN'T  
BECOME THE  
LIGHTNING  
LORD

AND I'D  
ALREADY  
GOTTEN  
INTEL  
ON HOW  
QUICKLY  
JUUBEI  
KAKEI ROSE  
TO BECOME  
A POWERFUL  
DOMINATOR

I NEVER  
EXPECTED  
THE LIKES  
OF BYAKKO  
TO HAVE  
A CHANCE  
AGAINST  
SAN  
MIDO



WHAT IS  
IT, CHIEF  
URYU?

LORD  
LUCIFER,  
MAY I  
ASK YOU  
SOME-  
THING?



RIGHT.  
A BATTLE  
WHICH  
THE  
BIBLE  
SAYS  
WILL BE  
WON BY  
GOD

BUT  
DON'T  
YOU  
THINK  
THERE'S A  
PARADOX  
HERE?

SINCE THE  
PROPHECY OF  
GOD WINNING  
THE BATTLE OF  
ARMAGEDDON  
IS SO WIDELY  
KNOWN, THE  
DEVIL CAN  
OVERCOME  
THAT PROPHECY  
BY SIMPLY  
AVOIDING THE  
FIGHT



THE FINAL  
BATTLE  
BETWEEN  
GOD AND THE  
DEVIL, AS  
PROPHESED  
IN THE  
BIBLE?



BUT--



HAD EVEN  
ONE OF  
THEM COME  
OUT ON TOP,  
THE OTHERS  
WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
TRAPPED  
IN THE  
MAGICAL  
CIRCLE FOR  
ETERNITY

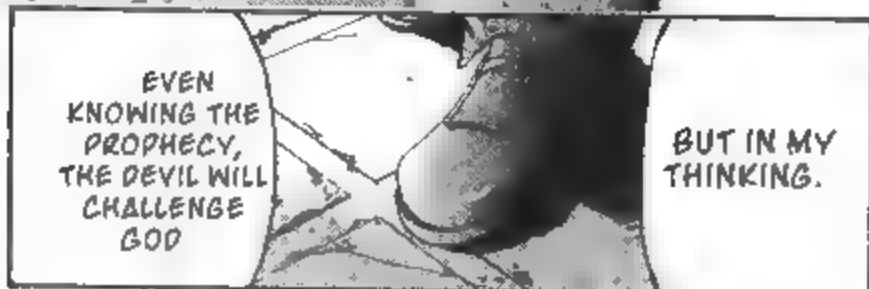
THE PLAN  
SEEMED  
TO ME TO  
HAVE A  
STRONG  
CHANCE OF  
SUCCESS



URYU-  
KUN

DO YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
ARMAGEDDON?

YES,  
G.R.



EVEN  
KNOWING THE  
PROPHECY,  
THE DEVIL WILL  
CHALLENGE  
GOD

BUT IN MY  
THINKING.



IF HE  
DOES, THEN  
ARMAGEDDON  
WILL NEVER  
OCCUR



...JUST  
FOR THE  
MOMENT'S  
CHANCE TO  
USE HIS OWN  
POWER TO  
CHANGE THE  
WRITTEN  
FUTURE.



FOR ME,  
CHANG-  
ING THE  
FUTURE IS  
SIMPLE.

I HAVE  
GOD'S  
OWN  
DESIGN  
AT MY  
DISPOSAL.

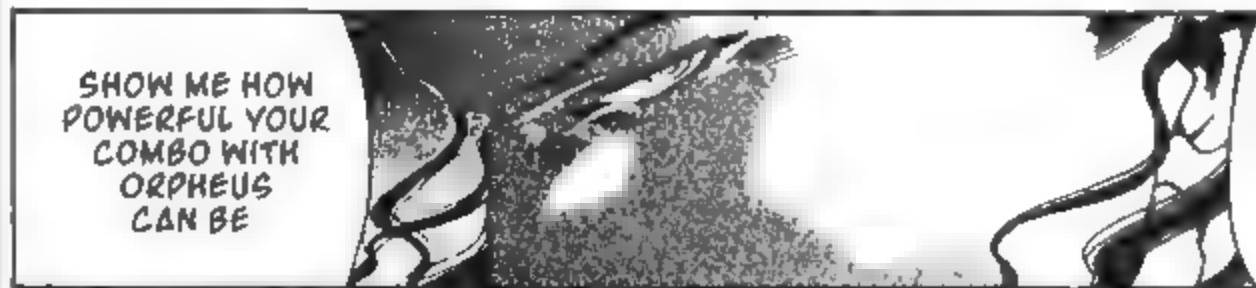


THE  
WORLD  
YOU  
SEEK IS  
IN HERE.

DO YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND,  
URYU-  
KUN?



BATHUNT



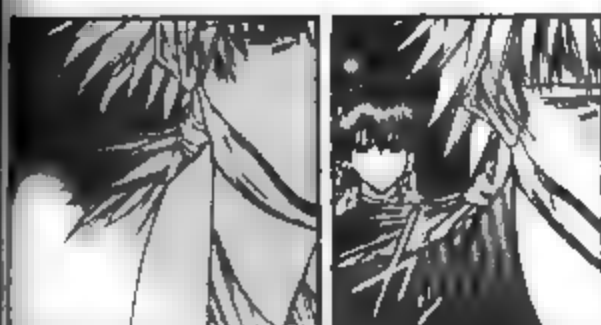
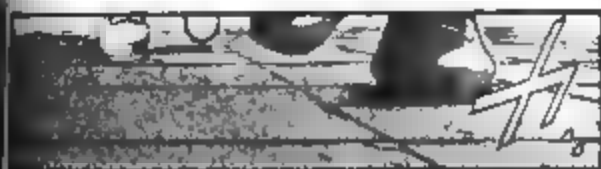
SHOW ME HOW  
POWERFUL YOUR  
COMBO WITH  
ORPHEUS  
CAN BE

NOW  
GO, MY  
GUARDIAN  
OF HELL.









KAKBI!

YOU  
PROTECT  
KAZUKI--  
I'LL TAKE  
THEM  
ON!

I'M  
COUNT-  
ING ON  
YOU,  
URYU

BUT--

I'D  
LIKE TO  
PASS  
THIS  
WON'T  
BE A  
PRETTY  
BATTLE

YOU  
AINT  
GETTIN  
AWAY

!

!

FIVE  
OF  
THEM...

GRASP!!



REGRET  
YOUR POOR  
CHOICES--  
IN HELL!



WHEN YOU  
MESS WITH  
FUJIA, YOU  
BETTER BE  
PREPARED  
TO DIE!!



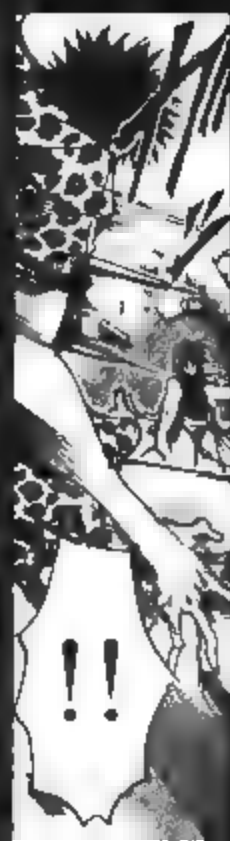
TOSHIKI'S  
DANCE IS  
ALWAYS SO  
BEAUTIFUL



HE  
WASN'T  
WORTH  
KILLING.



KAKI-  
?!



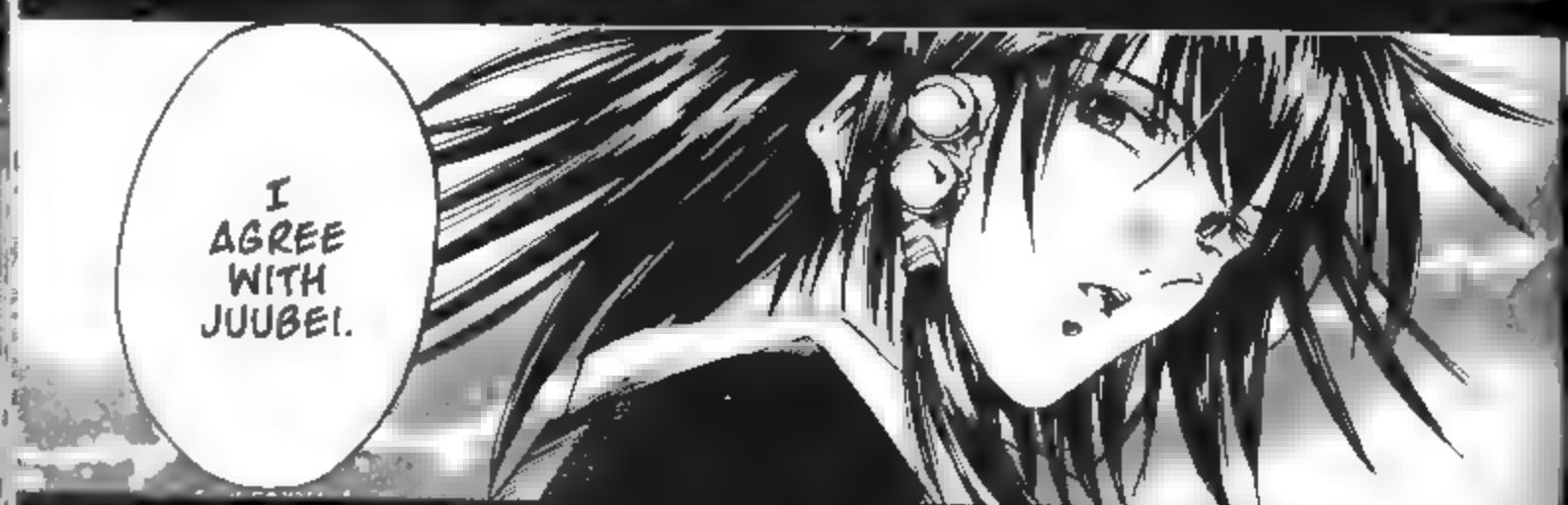
EEK







TOSHIKI.



I  
AGREE  
WITH  
JUUBEI.



IF  
KAZUKI  
AND I  
DEFEAT  
THE  
LIGHTNING  
LORD,  
WHAT  
WILL YOU  
THINK

JUUBEI  
KAKAI?



KAZUKI OF THE  
STRINGS, THE  
FORMER LEADER  
OF FUGA,  
KNOWN AS THE  
STRONGEST IN  
INFINITY FOR-  
TRESS' LOWER  
TOWN, IS MINE  
TO COMMAND.



BEHOLD..

THIS  
IS THE  
POWER  
OF DIVINE  
DESIGN.



WE  
MUST  
BE ON  
THE  
WAY  
LET'S  
GO





TEE  
HEE...



DID YOU  
JUST  
LAUGH,  
KAZUKI?



YOU'RE  
LAUGHING  
AT ME  
AGAIN?!



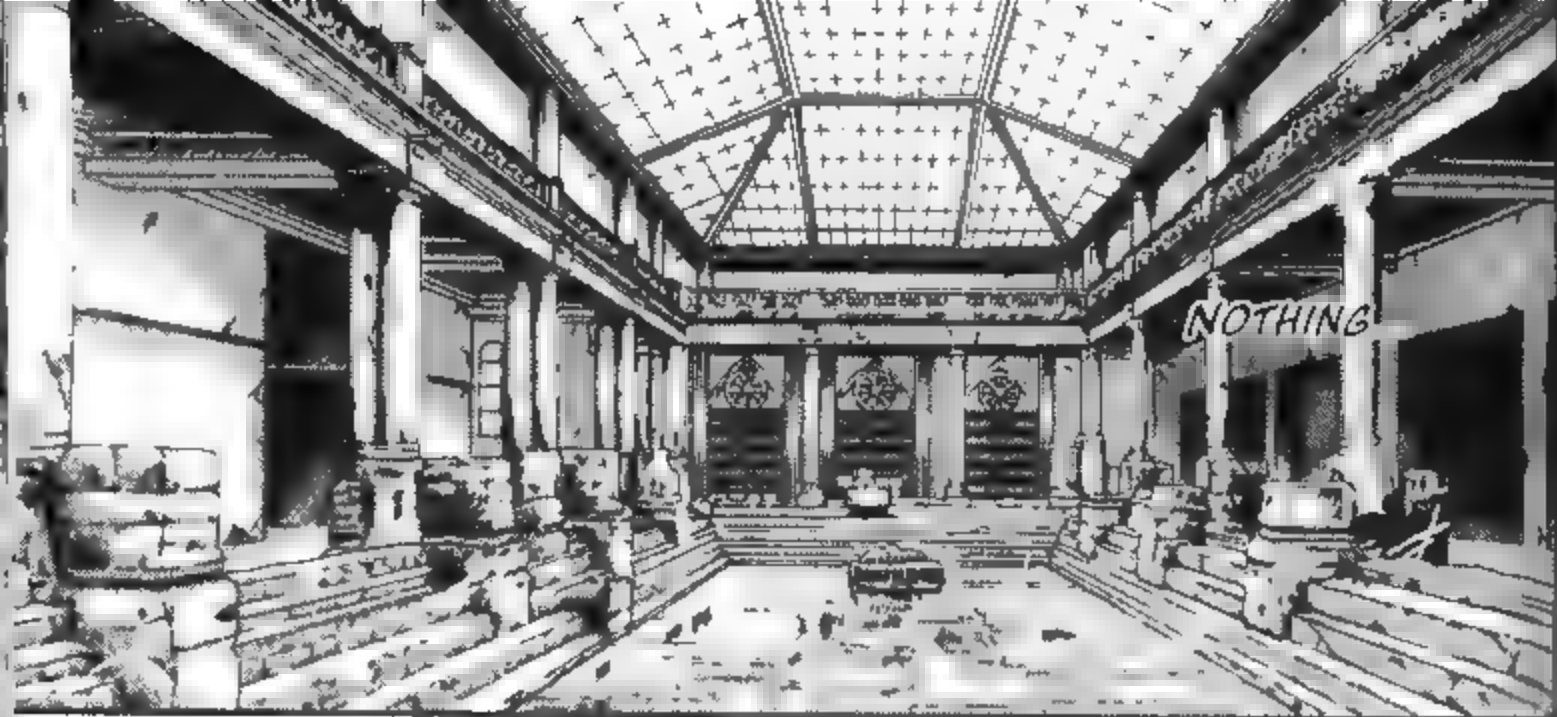
THERE IS  
NOTHING  
TO  
FEAR.



WHAT ARE  
YOU AFRAID  
OF, TOSHIKI  
URYU?

I DEFEATED  
KAZUKI, AND  
STOLE HIS  
SOUL AS LONG  
AS IT REMAINS  
IN MY CON-  
TROL. KAZUKI  
CAN ONLY DO  
AS I SAY.





HAS  
NOTHING  
TO FEAR  
FROM  
EVEN THE  
LIGHTNING  
LORD

A DUO  
OF THE  
MASTER  
OF STRING  
AND THE  
GUARDIAN  
OF HELL

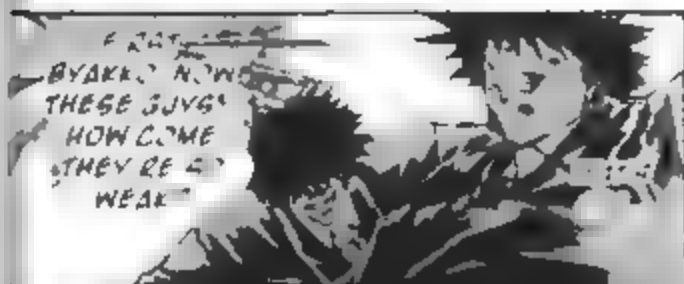
YES.

ALL RIGHT  
LET'S  
CREATE OUR  
TERRITORY  
HERE AND  
PREPARE TO  
DEFEAT THE  
RETRIEVERS,  
ORPHEUS.



...JUUBEI  
KAKEI!

MUCH  
LESS...



BYAKU! NOW  
THESE GUYS!  
HOW COME  
THEY'RE SO  
WEAK!



STAY  
FOCUSED,  
IDIOT!

YOU'RE  
ON A  
ROLL,  
BAN-  
CHAN!



LUCIFER?!

WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
TRYING  
TO DO...



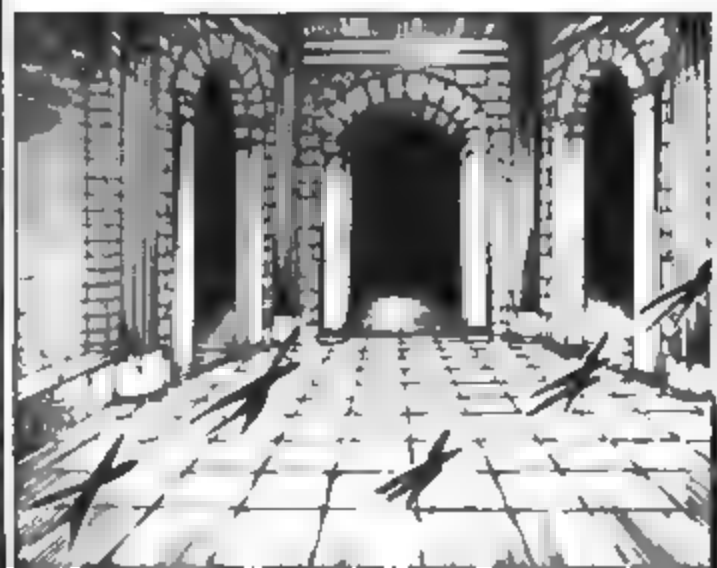
NOT  
A  
ONE...



NO  
ENEMIES  
AT ALL



BAN,  
THERE'RE  
THREE  
DOOR-  
WAYS!







COME,  
BAN  
MIDO...



...THE  
ONLY  
MAN...

...IN  
WHOSE  
VEINS  
FLOWS THE  
BLOOD OF  
A TRUE  
WITCH...

# GET BACKERS



Act VIII: Divine Design  
Part 27 Divide and Conquer



**Get Backers**





to retrieve the missing children the GetBackers storm  
the base to start the final battle over the mysterious card  
game. *Yone Design*

After they defeat Lucifer's minions the Holy  
Guardian Beasts awaiting Ban Himeko and  
Jony are

BAN-  
CHAN,  
THERE'RE  
NO  
ENEMIES  
AT ALL?

HUH?

BAN  
THERE'RE  
THREE  
DOORWAYS!

WHAT  
O'YOU  
MEAN,  
SARIEL?

LUCIFER'S  
JUST AN  
ADULT?

BATHUM!

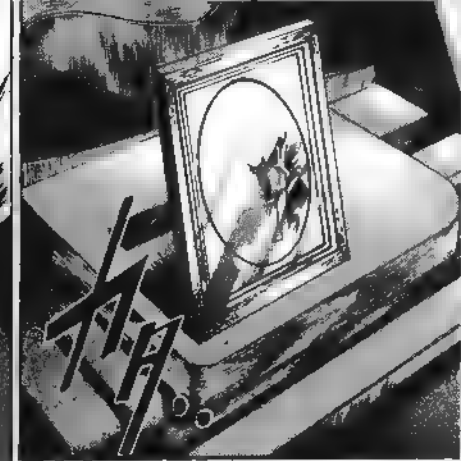
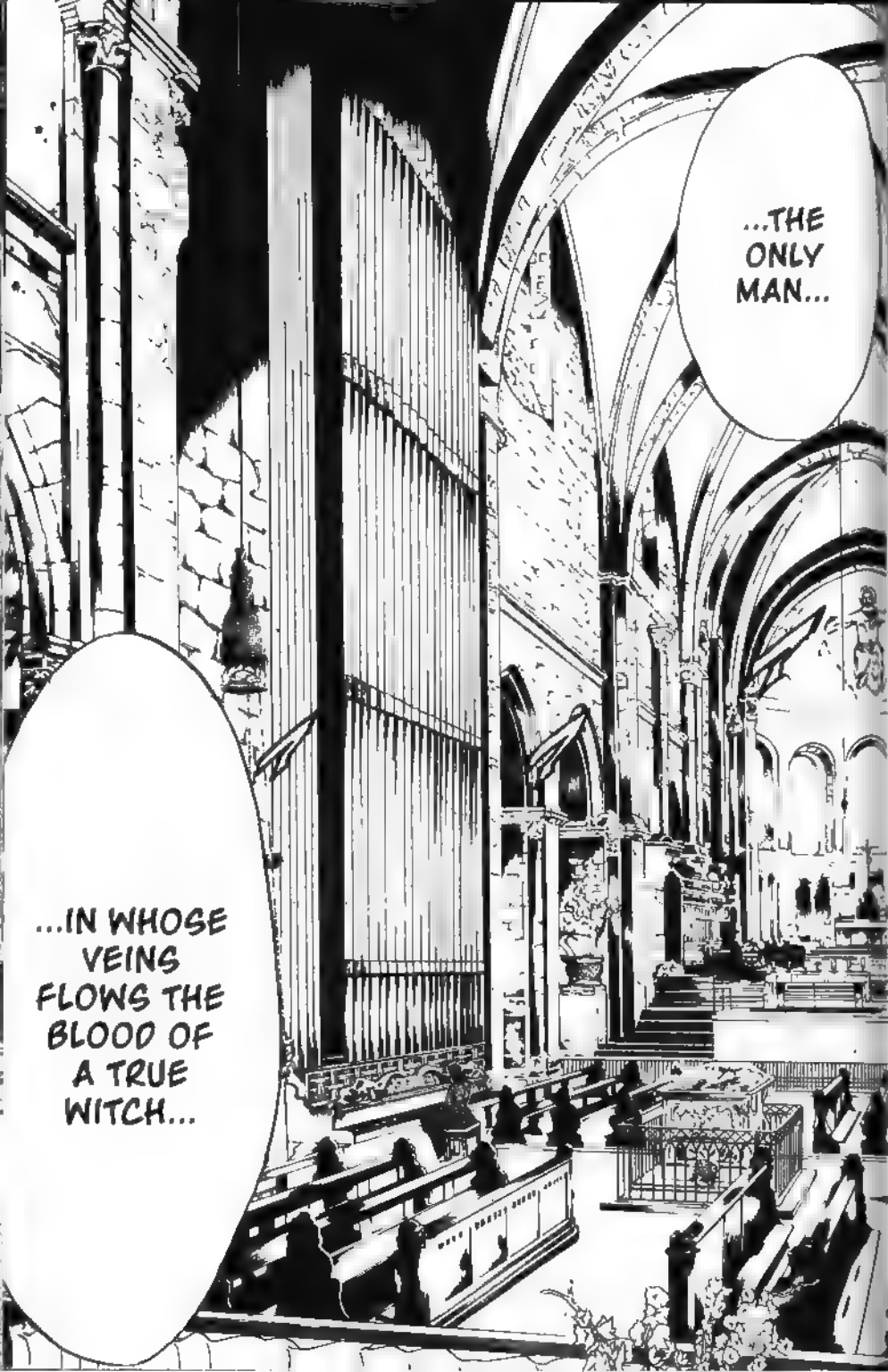
THIS CAN'T  
BE SOME  
COINCIDENCE  
LUCIFER MUST  
HAVE SOME  
MEANS AND  
MOTIVE FOR  
BRINGING THEM  
HERE

BUT THE  
REALITY IS  
THAT THEY  
BROKE  
THROUGH  
THE MAGIC  
CIRCLE AND  
ARE HEADED  
HERE

THINK ABOUT  
IT UP TIL  
NOW, DIVINE  
DESIGN HAS  
CONTINUOUSLY  
FORECAST  
DOOM FOR THE  
RETRIEVERS

IT  
PROBABLY  
REQUIRES  
ONE MORE  
KEY TO  
FIGURE  
OUT.

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
LUCIFER  
IS UP TO.





IT JUST  
MEANS  
WE EACH  
TAKE A  
DOOR.

BUT  
WHICH  
DOORWAY  
IS THE  
PATH TO  
LUCIFER  
THROUGH?

BAH, NO  
PROBLEM

WHAT  
DO WE  
DO,  
BAN-  
CHAN?



Aah!  
I'm all  
alone!



I  
KNOW,  
BUT...

I'M  
GETTING  
A BAD  
FEELING  
ABOUT  
THIS.



I'M  
GOING

WHA?!  
WE'RE  
SPLIT-  
TING UP  
AGAIN?!



BUT--

WE  
DON'T  
HAVE  
TIME TO  
WHINE  
COME  
ON.

NO MATTER  
HOW  
POWERFUL  
THE MAGIC,  
THERE'S A  
WAY AROUND  
IT IF YOU  
JUST PLAY  
BY THE  
RULES

HEH!  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
MY STINKING  
GRANDMA  
USED TO  
SAY--

BAN-  
CHAN

LUCIFER  
IS DEF-  
INITELY  
UP THE  
WAY

JUST  
WHAT  
IS  
DIVINE  
DE-  
SIGN?

WHAT IS  
LUCIFER  
AFTER?!

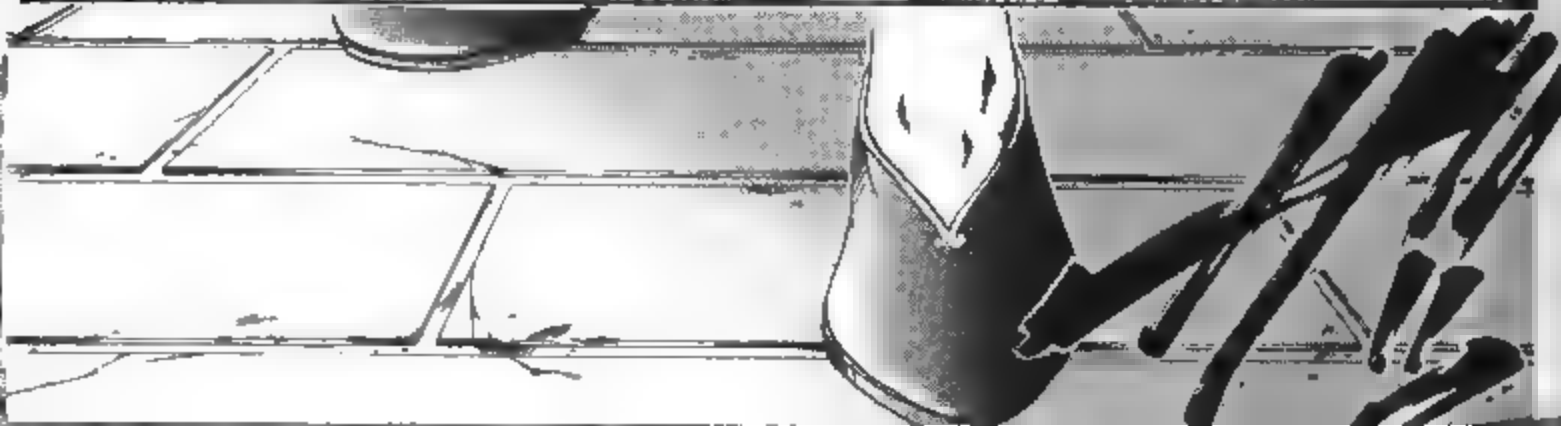
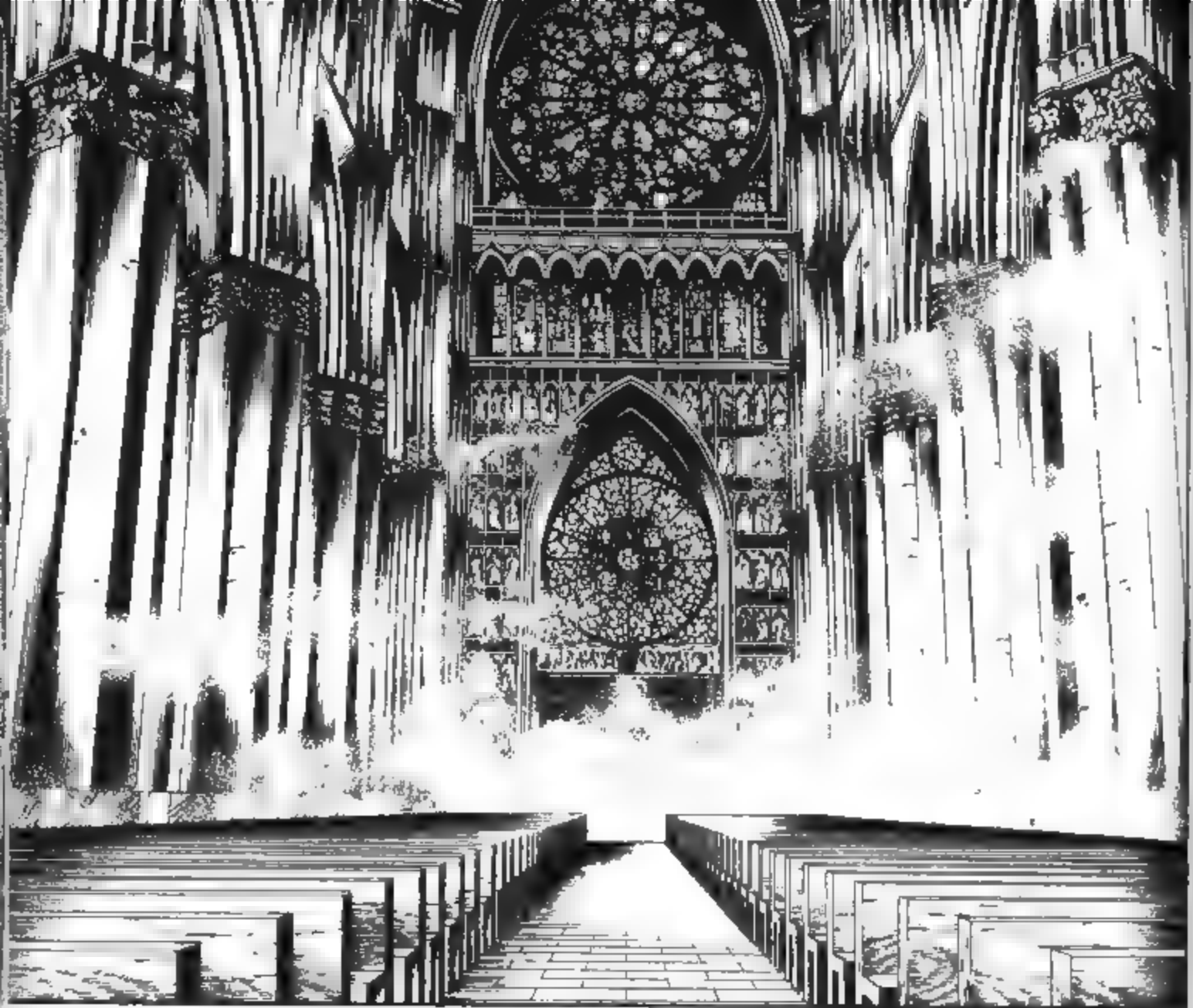
IF  
YOU CAN  
HEAR ME,  
MARIA,  
GIMME THE  
ANSWER!!

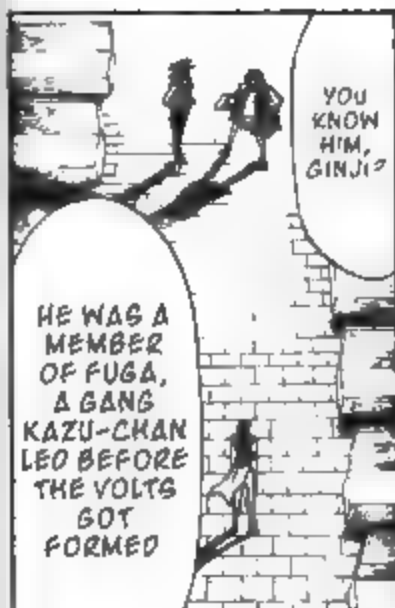
THERE A  
THE EXT

HEH! NOW  
YOU SHOW  
YOURSELF?!  
WHAT  
KIND OF  
MONSTER  
ARE YOU  
THIS  
TIME?!









\*qi = life energy



SO  
THOSE  
THREE  
DOORWAYS  
DID TAKE  
US TO  
DIFFERENT  
PLACES  
AFTER ALL.

PFT!  
I GET  
IT.

I can't touch  
Ban chan. Why  
can't I touch  
Ban chan?

SO YOU  
CAN SEE  
EACH  
OTHER,  
BUT  
CANNOT  
TOUCH

IN THE  
TERRITORY  
OF DIVINE  
DESIGN, THE  
MIND TAKES  
PRECEDENCE  
OVER THE  
BODY

YOUR PHYSICAL  
FORMS MAY BE  
STANDING IN THE  
SAME PLACE, BUT  
YOUR SPIRITUAL  
NATURES ARE  
IN ENTIRELY  
DIFFERENT  
LOCATIONS

HEH  
INDEED,  
KING OF  
THE EVIL  
EYE

...YOU  
CAN'T  
HELP  
EACH  
OTHER IN  
BATTLE!

SO  
OBTI-  
OUSLY

I DIDN'T  
FEEL  
ANYTHING  
SO I'M NOT  
AFFECTED!

I CAN  
HANDLE  
THIS  
BY MY-  
SELF!

DON'T  
WORRY,  
BAN-  
CHAN





HEH



GOT YOU!



HEH



HERE I COME, URYU!!



STOP FREAKING OUT GINJI DON'T FORGET WE'RE IN THE TERRITORY OF DIVINE DESIGN

Sorry, can't hear

GAK

W-WHAT POWER! HE'S SO MUCH STRONGER THAN THEY SAID HE WAS BACK AT INFINITY FORTRESS!



OH, RIGHT! IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN MY ELECTRICITY SHOULD ALSO





...GET  
MUCH  
MORE  
POWER-  
FUL!!



CHIME

I DON'T  
WANNA  
BURN  
THE  
WHOLE  
PLACE  
DOWN!

OH  
CRAP!  
TOO  
POWER-  
FUL



HUH?



CHIME





HE'S BEING  
CONTROLLED  
BY THAT  
URYU GUY!



ARE YOU  
STUPID?  
HOW  
CAN YOU  
NOT TELL  
HE'S AN  
ENEMY?



GAH!

...I WAS  
WORRIED  
I'D NEVER  
SEE YOU  
AGAIN...

WHEN  
YOU  
VANISHED  
AFTER I  
COULDN'T  
HELP...



B-  
BUT...  
I'M  
STILL  
HAPPY.



I AM  
LUCIFER'S  
MINION--  
ORPHEUS  
THE STRING  
MASTER



KAZU-  
CHAN



GAH

FOOL



THANK  
GOOD-  
NESS







LIGHTNING  
LORD...

...YOUR  
NAME HAS  
ALREADY BEEN  
CARVED ON  
YOUR TOMB-  
STONE.

HE'S STRONG?

HE'S NOT  
HOLDING  
BACK--HE'S  
ATTACKING  
WITH KILLER  
INTENT.

THAT  
IS BAD  
GINJI'S  
ALREADY  
WORN  
OUT FROM  
BECOMING  
THE KILLER  
NINJA LORD

DAMN

FUCK!

YOU'RE  
NOT HERE,  
REMEMB-  
ER?

THE  
RAINS OF  
AUTUMN...

FUU-  
CHOVIN  
STYLE  
STRING  
JUSTU  
BOOK OF  
OFFENSE  
27 2--

RAIN OF  
SPEARS!  
AUTUMN  
SHOWERS!

GET  
OUT OF  
THERE  
GINJI!!

...CATCH  
YOU  
WHEN  
YOU  
LEAST  
EXPECT  
THEM!

KAZU-  
CHAN



SO WHY  
WOULD  
SOME-  
ONE LIKE  
YOU WORK  
UNDER  
LUCIFER  
AND USE  
DIRTY  
TRICKS  
LIKE  
THESE?!



DIDN'T  
YOU USE  
TO BE  
KAZU-  
CHAN'S  
FRIEND?



THAT  
IT WAS  
THANKS  
TO YOU  
THAT HE  
WAS ABLE  
TO KEEP  
BACK THE  
BELTLINE  
MONSTERS

HE'D  
OFTEN  
SAY

HE TOLD ME  
ABOUT YOU  
A BUNCH OF  
TIMES--  
YOU HELPED  
HIM CREATE  
FUGA



IT WAS  
THANKS  
TO ME?



KAZU-  
CHAN...

LET'S  
TEAM UP  
AND FINISH  
HIM OFF  
ONCE AND  
FOR ALL

THAT'S  
ENOUGH,  
ORPHEUS.




THINK!  
THERE  
MUST  
BE  
SOME-  
THING  
YOU  
CAN DO!

GINJI!


HOW CAN  
I GET  
PAST THIS  
AND GO  
TO WHERE  
THEY ARE?



KAZU-  
CHAN...



KAZU-  
CHAN



THIS IS IT,  
LIGHTNING  
LORD!!



...KINDLY TAKE  
AWAY HIS  
SUFFERING.

DEATH  
...



I'M  
SORRY,  
BAN-  
CHAN...



I  
CAN'T  
BEAT  
KAZU-  
CHAN.



The GetBackers storm into Lucifer's base to retrieve the missing children and are able to defeat their opponents, the Holy Guardian Beasts, in a battle within a magic circle.

But now Ginji faces the brainwashed Kazuki and the "Guardian of Hell" Toshiki Uryu.

I'M  
SORRY,  
BAN-  
CHAN

I CAN'T  
BEAT  
KAZU-  
CHAN.

G  
I  
N  
J  
I  
!!

THINK! THERE  
MUST BE  
SOME WAY I  
CAN GET PAST  
THIS AND GO  
TO WHERE  
THEY ARE!

KINDLY TAKE  
ANYTHING  
SUFFERING

THIS IS  
WHAT  
I  
NEED



NEEDLE-  
STRING  
HARMONY!!

# GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design  
Part 28 Dyed in Blood



...JUUBEI  
KAKEI HAS  
ARRIVED!



KAKEI  
STYLE  
NEEDLE  
JUTSU--



HUH?

THIS  
FEELS  
FAMILIAR



BY  
ORDER OF  
MAKUBEX...





I SEE,  
SO  
YOU'RE  
THE  
HELPER  
MARIA  
SENT

YOUR  
VOICE IS  
PRESENT,  
BUT NOT  
YOUR  
SOUL

IS  
THAT  
YOU,  
MIDO?

IS  
THAT  
YOU,  
MIDO?



WITHIN  
KAKEI  
STYLE AND  
KAZUKI'S  
FUUCHOU-  
IN STYLE  
EXISTS THE  
PHRASE  
"THE NEEDLE  
AND  
STRING AS  
ONE"

IN OTHER  
WORDS,  
"THREAD  
THE STRING  
THROUGH  
THY NEEDLE  
AND TAILOR  
WHATEVER  
WILL DEFEAT  
YOUR  
OPPONENT"

SO WHEN  
KAZUKI AND  
I COMBINE  
OUR  
TECHNIQUES,  
WE REVEAL  
OUR TRUE  
POWER



ARE YOU OKAY, LIGHTNING LORD?



THIS BASTARD...  
UNLIKE ME, HE  
INSTANTLY NO-  
TICED THE ODD  
NATURE OF THIS  
ROOM...

WORDS,  
"THREAD  
THE STRING  
THROUGH  
THY NEEDLE  
AND TAILOR  
WHATEVER  
WILL DEFEAT  
YOUR  
OPPONENT"

SO WHEN  
KAZUKI AND  
I COMBINE  
OUR  
TECHNIQUES,  
WE REVEAL  
OUR TRUE  
POWER

DAMN  
SO HE  
CONTROLLED  
THE STRING  
ATTACKING  
GINJI AND  
USED IT TO  
FEND OFF  
URYU'S  
ATTACK

HE'S LOST HIS EYES, BUT GAINED A NEW WAY TO VIEW THINGS...

I SEE...

THE FATE OF  
KAZUKI AND  
ME SPANS  
500 YEARS

I JUST  
TOOK  
THE PATH  
THAT  
FATE  
DECIDED.

BUT JUUBEI, THERE WERE THREE DOORS.

A CHOICE OF THREE DOORS CANNOT SEVER IT.





OPEN  
YOUR  
EYES  
HAZUKU

YOU MUST  
HEAR ME!  
IF YOUR  
SOUL IS  
STILL  
CONNECTED  
TO YOUR  
BODY BY  
EVEN A  
SINGLE  
STRING, YOU  
MUST HEAR!





DAMN  
IT!!



THIS TWO-  
ON-ONE IS  
FIGHTING  
DIRTY,  
URYU



C'MON  
JUST  
LET THE  
SAMURAI  
DUDE  
HANDLE  
THINGS



DO NOT PUSH  
YOURSELF.  
LIGHTNING LORD  
YOU MUST BE AT  
YOUR LIMIT YOUR  
AURA IS AT LESS  
THAN A TENTH  
OF ITS NORMAL  
LEVEL

B-BUT  
BECAUSE  
OF ME,  
KAZU-  
CHAN  
G--



THE ONE  
STANDING  
BEFORE  
YOU  
NOW IS  
ORPHEUS  
THE  
STRING  
MASTER

HE'S  
MERELY A  
MARIONETTE  
WHO DOES  
MY BIDDING!



HEH...  
IT'S  
USELESS.  
HE IS NO  
LONGER  
THE  
KAZUKI  
YOU  
KNEW.

I  
DEFEATED  
HIM USING  
DIVINE  
DESIGN,  
AND HE  
IS NOW  
UNDER MY  
CONTROL.

KAZUKI  
WAS  
DEFEAT-  
ED BY  
YOU?



YES,  
KAKEI.

THE  
KAZUKI  
YOU  
REVERED  
WAS  
EASILY  
FELLED  
BY ME





DO YOU  
REALLY  
THINK  
KAZUKI  
WOULD BE  
DEFEATED  
BY THE  
LIKES OF  
URYU?

DO NOT  
WORRY.



THAT'S  
WHY HE  
IS CALLED  
THE HELL  
KNIGHT

URYU WAS  
ALWAYS  
WILLING  
TO DO  
ANYTHING  
TO WIN




HUH?



WHAT?



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
SAY?



NO ONE  
WOULD  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
THAT  
AS A TRUE  
DEFEAT.

EVEN KAZUKI  
WOULD BE  
ILL-PREPARED  
TO FACE A  
CHALLENGE  
UPON BEING  
SUDDENLY  
PULLED INTO  
A DIVINE  
DESIGN  
TERRITORY  
FOR THE  
FIRST TIME



I'VE  
ALWAYS  
HATED  
YOUR  
GUTS!



YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN  
LIKE  
THAT



BITCHING  
ABOUT  
EVERY-  
THING I  
DID



AM I  
WRONG  
ABOUT



HEH...



U  
R  
Y  
U  
U  
U  
!!



JUUBE!!




LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S  
OVER





TEE  
HEE

KAZUKI...



...TO SEND  
JUUBEI  
KAKEI  
OF THE  
FLYING  
NEEDLES  
TO HIS  
GRAVE!

ORPHEUS,  
I COMMAND  
YOU

BE  
HAPPY  
YOU GET  
TO DIE  
BY THE  
HAND  
OF THE  
MAN YOU  
ADMIRE

I USED  
TO BE  
MY  
LIFE TO  
PROTECT  
KAZUKI  
AND  
NOW  
HE'S  
DOING  
THE  
GAME  
FOR ME

TO  
FURTHER  
DEGRADE  
MY  
FEELING

HA  
MAY A  
DEER  
FEELING  
HAPPY



YOU'VE  
BEEN  
KAZUKI'S  
RIGHT-HAND  
MAN SINCE  
THE FUGA  
DAYS

RIGHT,  
KAKEI?

BUT  
THERE IS  
NOTHING  
YOU CAN  
DO


YEAH  
IF HE  
DOESN'T DO  
ANYTHING  
HE'S DEAD

WON'T  
MAN-  
THAN  
KAZUKI  
THANK  
SOMEONE  
REALLY

THAT'S  
THE KIND  
OF GUY  
YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN.

YOU'D  
GIVE UP  
YOUR  
LIFE TO  
PROTECT  
KAZUKI.





THIS  
MYRIAD-  
STRING  
STRIKE  
EQUALLY  
MEANS  
INSTANT  
DEATH  
WHEN IT  
LANDS

WHEN  
METEORS  
FLASH IN THE  
HEAVENS  
AND RAIN  
DOWN LIKE  
HAIL, THEIR  
POWER IS  
INSURMOUNT-  
ABLE

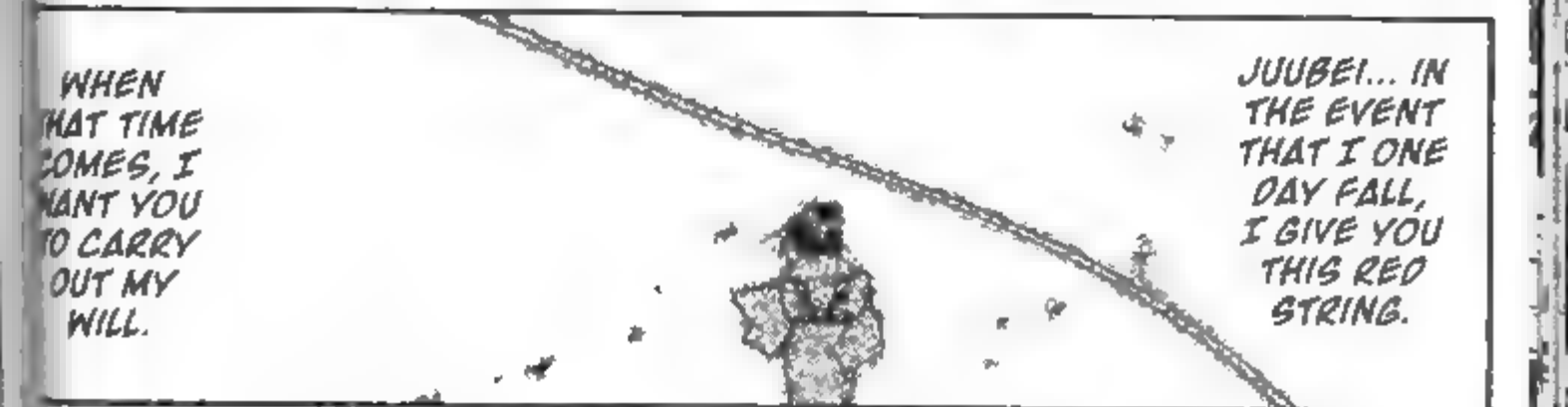


OR  
HAVE  
YOU  
LOST  
YOUR  
MIND?

YOU'RE  
READY  
TO  
DIE ?



KAZUKI...



WHEN  
THAT TIME  
COMES, I  
WANT YOU  
TO CARRY  
OUT MY  
WILL.

JUUBEI... IN  
THE EVENT  
THAT I ONE  
DAY FALL,  
I GIVE YOU  
THIS RED  
STRING.

SWEAR  
TO ME,  
JUUBEI.

THIS  
IS THE  
SYMBOL  
OF OUR  
PROMISE.

...I WANT  
YOU TO  
BE THE  
ONE WHO  
STOPS  
ME.

AND IF I  
EVER STEP  
OFF THE  
RIGHTEOUS  
PATH...



DEATH,  
KINDLY  
TAKE  
AWAY...

K  
A  
Z  
U  
K  
I  
...

FUUCHOUIN  
STYLE  
STRING  
JUTSU BOOK  
OF OFFENSE  
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...HIS  
SUFFERING.





JU...  
BEI?



WHA  
--?



I WAS  
ABLE TO  
RETURN...

YEAH



...DYED  
IN YOUR  
BLOOD.

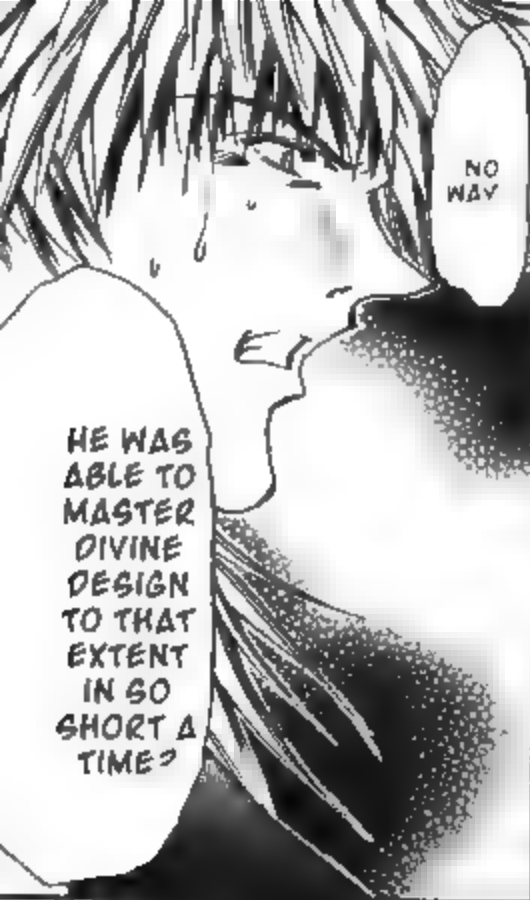
THANKS  
TO THIS  
RED  
STRING...



SO  
THERE  
STILL  
WAS  
ONE  
LEFT

ONE  
STRING.





NO WAY

HE WAS ABLE TO MASTER DIVINE DESIGN TO THAT EXTENT IN SO SHORT A TIME?



...AND THE MASTER OF STRING CARD

HE LET FLY HIS RED MAYDAY STRING IN MY DIRECTION AND KEPT IT CONNECTED THROUGH THE POWER OF HIS BODY AND SOUL



SO IT APPEARS

JUUBEI! YOU'RE OKAY!



HOW?



AMAZED AT HIS SKILLS, MANY ASSEMBLED UNDER THE FUGA BANNER.

AS THE ONE AND ONLY SUCCESSOR TO THE FJUCKQUIN STYLE, KAZUKI OF THE STRINGS' ABILITY IS TRULY GENIUS

THAT'S KAZUKI, URYU



WERE YOU NOT...

ONE OF THEM?



IT HAS  
COME  
TIME TO  
PAY THE  
PRICE!!



TOSHIKI  
URYU...



I'M  
SOR--



OH,  
SURE!

LIGHT-  
NING  
LORD,  
TAKE  
CARE OF  
KAZUKI



# GET BACKERS



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Having freed Kazuki from the control of their former friend Uryu, Juubai's rage burns as he challenges Uryu to a reckoning!

OH,  
SURE

LIGHTNING  
LORD, TAKE  
CARE OF  
KAZUKI!

SO,  
YOU  
MADE  
IT,  
KAKEI!

...PAY!!

I'LL  
MAKE  
HIM...

KAKEI...



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*Get  
Backers*



JUUBEI!

KAKE!

WELL I  
ALWAYS  
KNEW  
THERE  
WOULD  
COME A  
DAY WHEN  
WE WOULD  
FACE  
EACH  
OTHER

EVER  
SINCE  
THE  
VERY  
FIRST  
TIME WE  
MET...

THAT'S  
RIGHT



HIS  
FIGHTING  
SKILLS  
ARE A  
BEAUTY  
TO  
BEHOLD.



THIS  
IS OUR  
NEWEST  
MEMBER!

JUUBEI!  
LET ME  
INTRODUCE  
YOU!



NICE  
TO  
MEET  
YOU.

I'M  
JUUBEI  
KAKEI.

TOSHIKI  
URYU

AFTER THAT  
DAY, YOU  
AND I, AS  
LEADERS OF  
THE EVER-  
GROWING  
FUGA...

...FOUGHT  
THROUGH  
NUMEROUS  
BRUSHES  
WITH DEATH  
AS IF WE  
WERE  
COMPETING  
WITH EACH  
OTHER.







MURASAME  
STYLE  
PALM  
JUTSU--

WHIRL-  
WIND!!



GRASP!



!!  
YOU'LL  
NOW  
LEARN  
THAT  
ITS TRUE  
POWER  
LIES IN  
DIRECT OF  
BLOWS!







GAH!

'IDIOT' YOU'RE TOTALLY DRAINED FROM GOING LIGHTNING LORD WHAT COULD YOU DO?

BUT JUST A SECOND AGO YOU WERE SERIOUSLY HURT FROM EARLIER AT THIS RATE

DAMN!  
DON'T, GINJI

EITHER WAY, YOU'RE DEAD

PLUS

EVEN IF MY PALM IS BLOCKED BY SOME KIND OF ARMOR, IT SENDS A QI WAVE THAT ATTACKS YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS

A DIRECT HIT FROM MY PALM WILL FRACTURE BONE AND REND FLESH



AND ONCE  
THE SPARK  
HITS, THERE'S  
NO STOPPING  
UNTIL ONE OF  
THEM GOES  
DOWN

YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW  
THEIR  
HISTORY--  
IT'S NOT  
YOUR  
PLACE TO  
STEP IN

THIS  
FIGHT  
THEY'RE  
HAVING  
DIDN'T  
JUST  
BEGIN


THEY'VE  
LIKELY  
BEEN AT  
BATTLE  
WITHOUT  
COMING TO  
BLOWS FROM  
THE MOMENT  
THEY FIRST  
MET



BUT  
THAT'S  
ALL  
YOU  
WERE

FUGA,  
BUT IT'S  
TRUE,  
YOU  
WERE  
STRONG  
BACK  
THEN


SO MUCH  
FOR THE  
SKILL OF  
FUGA'S  
SECOND IN  
COMMAND



HEH  
WHAT'S  
WORTH  
KARE



!




...ALL  
YOU  
ARE IS  
STRONG.

AND  
EVEN  
NOW...





KAKEI!!




NO, YOUR  
VERY EX-  
ISTENCE IS  
THE ANTI-  
THESIS OF  
EVERYTHING  
I AM!

EVERY  
WORD  
YOU  
SAY...

HOW I  
HATE  
YOU!



!!



RIGHT NOW  
MY ARMS  
ARE AS  
STRONG  
AS STEEL.  
NO MATTER  
HOW  
POWERFUL  
YOUR  
HANDS  
ARE, THEY  
CANNOT  
GET  
THROUGH  
THEM.

IN KAKEI  
NEEDLE  
JUTSU LIES  
KNOWLEDGE  
OF EVERY  
VITAL POINT  
OF THE  
BODY.

KAKEI  
STYLE  
NEEDLE  
JUTSU--  
STEEL  
NEEDLE.



IT'S  
USE-  
LESS

WE'RE  
BOTH  
MASTERS  
OF ANCIENT  
MARTIAL  
ARTS--  
YOU DIDN'T  
EXPECT ME  
TO BE ABLE  
TO BLOCK  
SOMETHING  
THAT  
SIMPLE?

YOU  
MAY BE  
ABLE TO  
SEND  
YOUR QI  
THROUGH  
ARMOR  
AND  
MAKE A  
CRITICAL  
HIT

BUT IF I  
CAN STOP  
IT WITH MY  
BODY AND MY  
OWN QI, IT'S  
HARMLESS

PFT  
!

BREAKER  
WAVE!!

URGH!

HEH..  
I SEE

IMPRES-  
SIVE  
INDREO

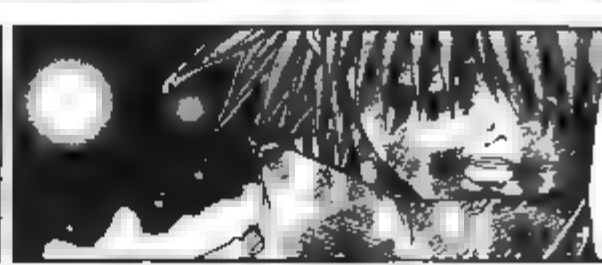



WHY,  
KAKEI?

WHY  
DID YOU  
START  
FUGA  
WITH  
KAZUKI?

WHEN  
KAZUKI  
ANNOUNCED  
THE BREAKUP  
OF FUGA AND  
THE MERGER  
WITH THE  
VOLTS,  
YOU DIDN'T  
SPEAK OUT  
AGAINST IT

WITH  
SKILL LIKE  
THAT,  
WHY  
DID YOU  
STAY IN  
KAZUKI'S  
SHADOW?



WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
URYU?

YOU  
RISKED  
YOUR LIFE  
FIGHTING  
FUGA.

YOU  
WERE  
OFTEN  
MORE  
LOYAL TO  
KAZUKI  
THAN I  
WAS

YOUR  
POWER  
WAS ON  
OUR SAME  
LEVEL,  
SO WHY  
DID YOU  
DECIDE TO  
JOIN US?



...WAS  
TO ME

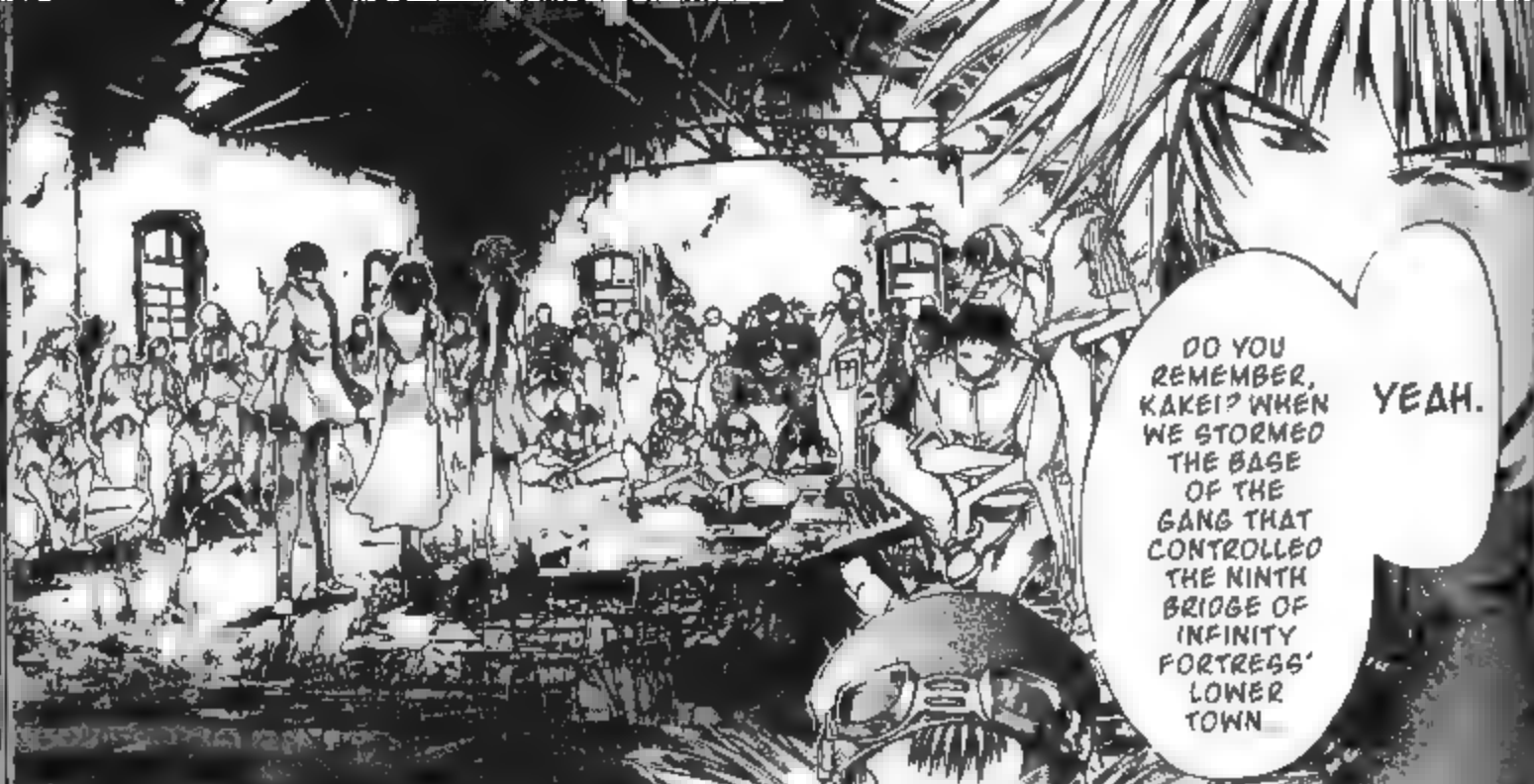
AN  
ILLUSION  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
KAZUKI



AN  
ILLUSION?



WHAT  
WAS IT  
THAT  
YOU  
SOUGHT,  
TOSHIKI  
URYU?



DO YOU  
REMEMBER,  
KAKEI? WHEN  
WE STORMED  
THE BASE  
OF THE  
GANG THAT  
CONTROLLED  
THE NINTH  
BRIDGE OF  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS'  
LOWER  
TOWN

YEAH.



KAZUKI?



LET'S  
JUST KILL  
THEM  
ALL  
  
FOR WHAT  
THEY'VE  
DONE  
TO THE  
PEOPLE  
HERE,  
THEY  
DESERVE  
IT



WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE DO,  
KAZUKI?

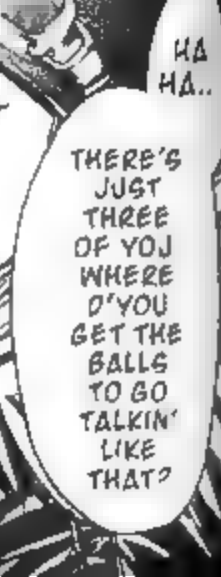
DOESN'T  
LOOK LIKE  
THEY'LL  
BACK  
DOWN



OR DO  
YOU  
WANT  
FUGA  
TO TAKE  
IT BY  
FORCE?



WHAT'S  
YOUR  
ANSWER,  
HASSAN?  
ARE YOU  
GONNA  
DISSOLVE  
BAGHDAD  
AND HAND  
YOUR TURF  
OVER TO  
US?



HA  
HA...  
  
THERE'S  
JUST  
THREE  
OF YOU  
WHERE  
D'YOU  
GET THE  
BALLS  
TO GO  
TALKIN'  
LIKE  
THAT?





AS THE  
SKINNY AND  
GIRLISH  
KAZUKI  
ADVANCED...

...MEN  
THE  
SIZE OF  
BEASTS  
HAD NO  
CHOICE  
BUT TO  
OPEN UP  
A PATH  
BEFORE  
HIM.



IT WAS  
LIKE  
WHEN  
MOSES  
PARTED  
THE RED  
SEA.

THE GIANT  
WHO HAD  
BEEN CALLED  
A DEMON WAS  
COWERING  
LIKE A CHILD  
AND BEGGING  
FOR HIS LIFE.



KAZUKI  
WALKED UP  
TO HASSAN  
LIKE A KING,  
AND BY THE  
TIME HE GOT  
THERE, THE  
BATTLE WAS  
OVER.

BUT THAT  
ILLUSION  
DIDN'T LAST  
FOREVER.

I FIGURED  
THAT KAZUKI  
WAS THE  
MAN I COULD  
MAKE IT TO  
THE TOP  
WITH.

KAZU-  
CHAN!

BUT  
JUST AS I  
BEGAN TO  
BELIEVE  
IT WAS  
POSSIBLE,  
IT PROVED  
TO BE  
JUST

BEHIND  
HIM

WE WERE  
ABOUT TO  
GAIN TOTAL  
CONTROL  
OVER LOWER  
TOWN THEN  
WE WOULD  
GO ON TO  
CHALLENGE  
THE BELT-  
LINE AND  
EVENTUALLY  
BABYLON  
CITY ITSELF

WE  
WERE  
SO  
CLOSE

YES...

ALL THE  
TWO OF  
YOU ARE  
TO ME IS A  
GHOST OF  
MY FOOL-  
ISH PAST!

AN  
ILLUSION.

NO, A  
GHOST.

A KID?

IS THAT?

A GHOST  
I'VE BEEN  
TRYING TO  
ERADICATE

A GHOST I  
MUST GET  
RID OF SO  
THAT I CAN  
HELP LUCIFER  
ACHIEVE HIS  
AMBITION

URYU

# GET BACKERS





YES

The GetBackers storm into Lucifer's base to retrieve the missing children and uncover the secrets of the mysterious card game Divine Design

Juubei wrests Kazuki from the control of their former friend Uryu, who now works for Lucifer. He then challenges Uryu to a reckoning.

ALL THE TWO OF YOU ARE TO ME IS A GHOST OF MY FOOLISH PAST!

As the fight heats up, Juubei sees a vision of Toshiki Uryu as a young child.

IS THAT YOUR OTHER SELF, URYU?

A CHILD?

WAKE UP, PLAY ME SOME

HUH?

THERE'S A CHILD

WHERE?

WHO WILL BE THE LAST MAN STANDING-- YOU, OR ME?

LET'S SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

UNLESS WE BOTH USE OUR SUPREME TECHNIQUES, THIS FIGHT WILL NEVER END

SOMETHING HAPPENED IN YOUR PAST AS WELL

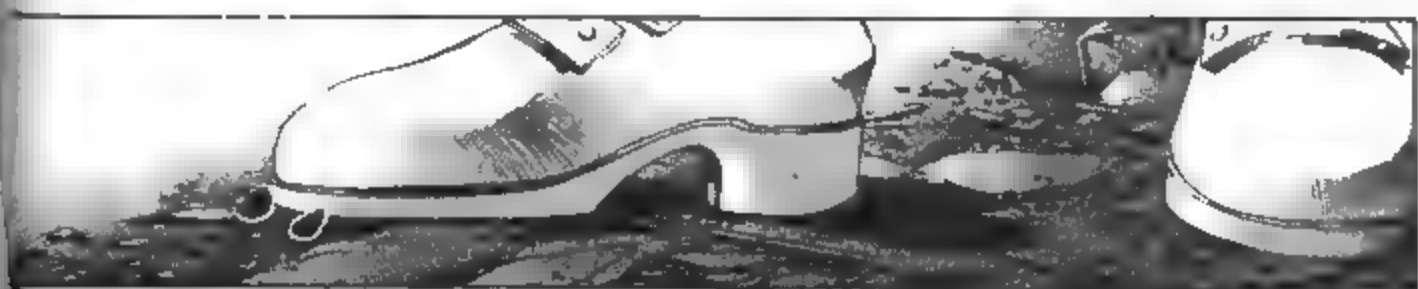
# GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design  
Part 30: Coup de Grâce

...OUR  
FINAL  
BATTLE!!

THIS  
IS THE  
PLACE  
MOST  
WORTHY  
TO HOST...

BRINGS  
BACK MEM-  
ORIES,  
DOESN'T IT?



...URYU!

NOW THAT  
I THINK  
ABOUT IT,  
WE SHOULD  
HAVE  
SETTLED  
THIS THE  
MOMENT  
WE FIRST  
MET EACH  
OTHER

KAKEI

THE NINTY  
FORT  
REGG?

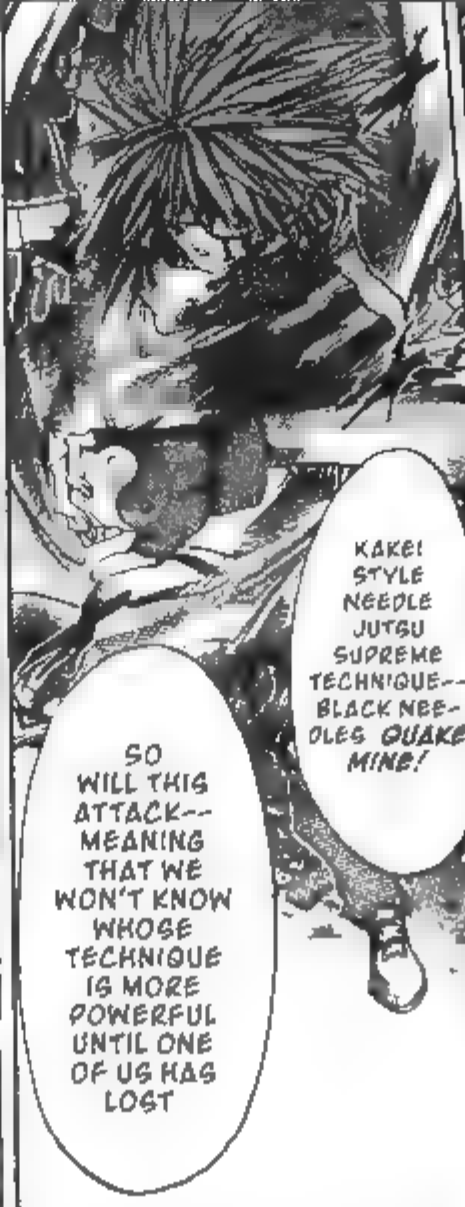
THE  
PLACE  
WHERE  
THE  
THREE  
OF JS  
MET

THIS  
IS  
ALSO

THIS CAN  
ONLY BE  
SETTLED  
IN THE  
MIDST OF  
BATTLE...













KAZUKI!



IT  
WON'T  
HEAL  
URYU'S  
HEART...



KAZUKI!



WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING,  
KAZUKI?



JUUBEI!

THIS  
GAD  
BATTLE  
WON'T  
SETTLE  
ANY-  
THING



WHY DID  
YOU FACE  
JUUBEI  
AND TURN  
YOUR  
BACK ON  
ME?

ANSWER  
ME!



WHY,  
KAZUKI...?

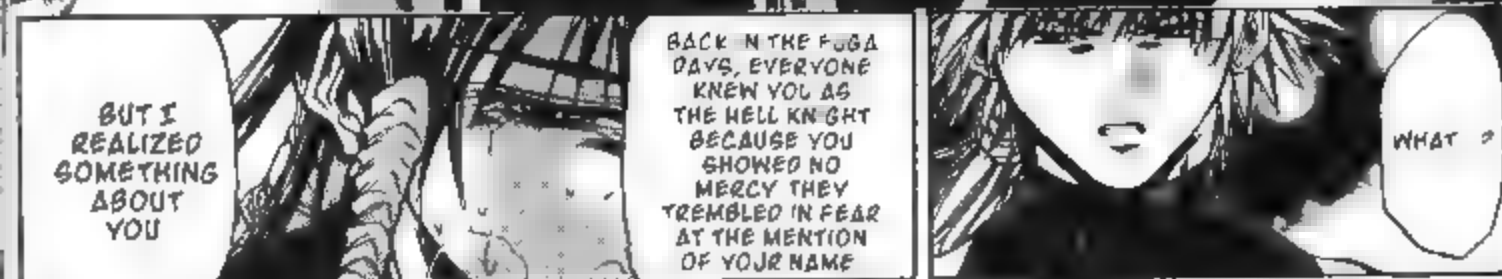




BECAUSE



...I  
KNOW  
YOU  
WELL,  
TOSHIKI.



BUT I  
REALIZED  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT  
YOU

BACK IN THE FUGA  
DAYS, EVERYONE  
KNEW YOU AS  
THE HELL KNIGHT  
BECAUSE YOU  
SHOWED NO  
MERCY THEY  
TREMBLED IN FEAR  
AT THE MENTION  
OF YOUR NAME

WHAT ?



YOUR  
BEAUTIFUL  
DANCE OF  
A FIGHTING  
STYLE WAS  
ALWAYS  
INTENDED  
TO FACE  
OPPONENTS  
HEAD-ON.

YOU NEVER  
ONCE  
ATTACKED  
AN  
OPPONENT  
FROM  
BEHIND.



...TOSHIKI?

AM I  
RIGHT...



SINCE THE  
DAY YOU  
TOPPLED  
THAT  
DEMON  
HASSAN



HMPH

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHANGED,  
KAZUKI



LOOKS  
LIKE THE  
FIGHT  
WAS  
DECIDED  
ON THE  
FIRST  
KIT

HAD  
STRING-  
BOY NOT  
INTER-  
FERED,  
THAT  
PALM GUY  
WOULD'VE  
BEEN  
DEAD

Y  
E  
A  
H

...YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHANGED  
AT ALL



YOU KEEP  
GETTING  
STRONGER  
AND  
STRONGER.

YOU'RE  
AMAZING,  
JUUBEI.



WHY DID  
YOU STRAY  
FROM  
THE PATH  
LEADING  
TO THE  
THRONE OF  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS?

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
I WANT TO  
ASK YOU



KAZUKI



!



I REALIZED  
I WAS NOT  
THE MAN DUE  
TO BECOME  
THE EMPEROR  
OF INFINITY  
FORTRESS

IF I DO  
HAVE A  
STATION  
THERE,  
IT IS  
AT HIS  
SIDE...



BECAUSE  
I REALIZED  
THAT WASN'T  
WHERE I  
BELONGED



IT WAS  
ALMOST  
IN YOUR  
GRASP

SO  
WHY?



THE  
LIGHTNING  
LORD,  
GINJI  
AMANO.


I BECAME  
CONVINCED  
MY PLACE  
LAY WITH  
HIM.



I DEFEATED  
MY YOUNGER  
BROTHER--WHY  
DON'T I GET TO  
BE YOUR HEIR?!

WHY,  
FATHER?!

YOUR  
PLACE,  
EH?



HOWEVER...  
THAT IS ALL  
YOU ARE.

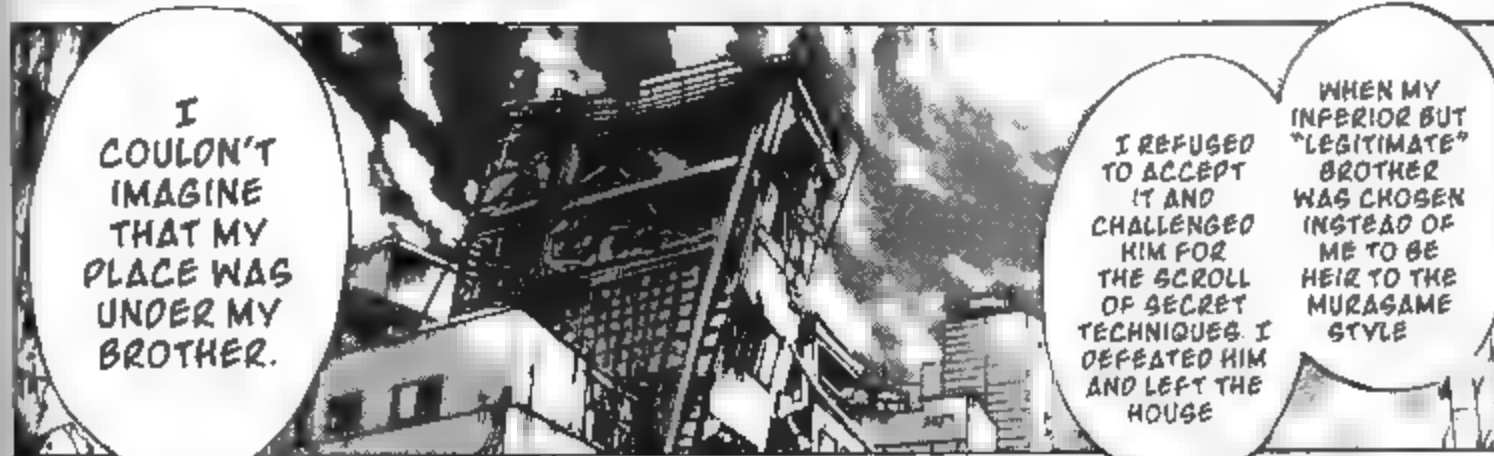
TOSHIKI, IT  
IS TRUE THAT  
YOU ARE  
STRONG.



I WAS  
BORN AN  
ILLEGITIMATE  
CHILD



I  
COULDN'T  
IMAGINE  
THAT MY  
PLACE WAS  
UNDER MY  
BROTHER.



I REFUSED  
TO ACCEPT  
IT AND  
CHALLENGED  
HIM FOR  
THE SCROLL  
OF SECRET  
TECHNIQUES. I  
DEFEATED HIM  
AND LEFT THE  
HOUSE

WHEN MY  
INFERIOR BUT  
"LEGITIMATE"  
BROTHER  
WAS CHOSEN  
INSTEAD OF  
ME TO BE  
HEIR TO THE  
MURASAME  
STYLE

...I NEVER  
FOUND ANY  
PLACE I BE-  
LONGED.



BUT IN  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS  
AS WELL..



...WHILE  
HELPING  
SOMEONE  
ELSE MAKE  
IT TO THE  
TOP.

I'VE ONLY  
BEEN  
ABLE  
TO FEEL  
TRULY  
ALIVE...

I LEFT  
INFINITY  
FORTRESS AND  
WANDERED  
AIMLESSLY,  
UNTIL LUCIFER  
TOLD ME THAT  
HE NEEDED  
ME

IN  
THE END, IT  
WAS JUST  
THAT I  
REFUSED TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
THE REALITY  
OF MY  
SITUATION.

I'M A  
PATHETIC  
HUMAN  
BEING.

H  
O  
W  
E  
V  
E  
R  
...

YEAH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT

KAZUKI  
HAS  
ME--HE  
DOESN'T  
NEED  
YOU.

YOU  
DON'T  
NEED  
ME. YOU  
HAVE  
KAKEI.

BUT  
I DID  
NEED  
YOU.

RIGHT,  
KAKEI?

I  
NEED  
YOU.

PROTECTING  
KAZUKI CAN  
BE A LONELY  
DUTY.

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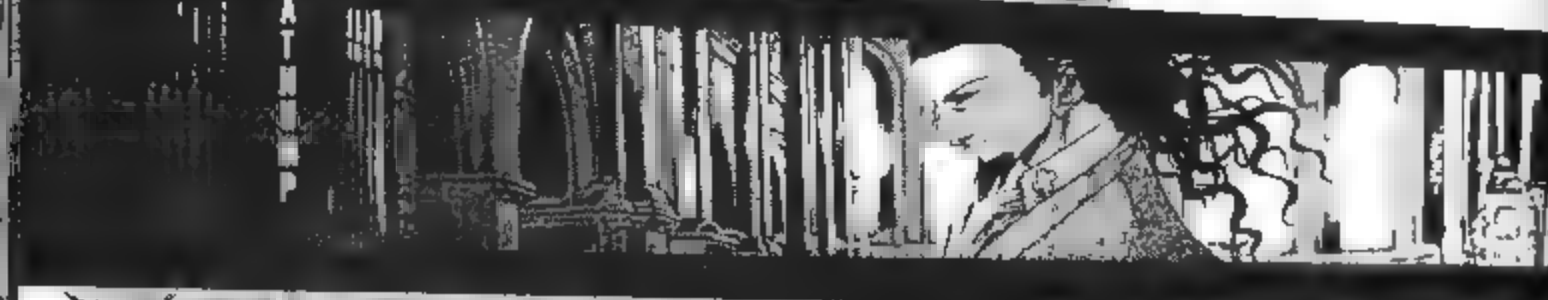
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